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## Miss Clipper's Anecdotes, Personalities and Comments, CONCERNING STAGE FOLK and Sometimes OTHERS

BY JOSEPHINE GRO.

The manager of a large number of small show companies, traveling in the interests of a proprietary medicine, has recently returned from Newfoundland with a stock of stories, gathered from the advertising men connected with his companies.

Undertakers are said to be among the most callous of all humanity, and it remains for a Newfoundland member of this gruesome profession to prove conclusively the saying. It so happened that the "Doctor" and lecturer of one of these medicine companies was unfortunately taken with an illness from which he died. The advertising man of the company attended to the last sad offices for his friend, one of them being to procure the services of an undertaker. During the preparation of the body this person tried in vain to adjust the wig that the dead man had worn while living.

"It's no use," exclaimed the undertaker, "this wig stands away from the forehead and will have to be glued down. Get me some glue as quick as you can."

The friend hastened out for the desired commodity, and, returning with it a few minutes later, presented the bottle to the undertaker, who shook his head negatively.

"I don't need it now," he exclaimed, "while you were gone I found a tack."

A company, playing through a series of towns on a picturesque Western railroad line, had the misfortune to be delayed by a landslide. Finding, upon inquiry, that it would be impossible to reach the desired destination for a performance that night, the manager of the company telegraphed the local manager the following explanatory message: "Impossible to get to you tonight—about an acre of your beautiful Colorado scenery slid over the track in front of the train."

The writer of "Casey at the Bat," the verses which De Wolf Hopper has made famous, and which, in turn, have won many admirers for him, was for a long time unknown to the general public. Even the popular reciter of them tried for years, in vain, to find the man who wrote the famous lines. He relates the manner in which they came into his possession.

Archibald Claverling Gunter, the author of many big selling books, sent the verses one day to the comedian, with the request that he recite them that night for an encore, as two big baseball teams—the Chicagos and New Yorks—would be at the performance of "Castles in the Air."

It was short notice to memorize the somewhat lengthy poem, but Hopper put on dramatic steam, and within an hour had memorized it, little dreaming what a factor it would, for many years later, prove in his curtain calls. To use Hopper's own words: "I pulled 'Casey' on the boys, among whom were dear old Anson, Ewing, and other famous baseball players, and it made an enormous hit."

After the performance the comedian hunted up Gunter, to find out the name of the fortunate author of this "gem" of a poem. Gunter was as much in the dark as to the desired information as Hopper. He had clipped it from a San Francisco paper because it had made a deep impression upon him, and he knew that if any one could do justice to it, as a recitation, his friend Hopper could.

During a period of four years the latter asked all whom he met—man, woman or child—if the name of the man who wrote "Casey" was known to him. The initials, "E. L. T.," was the only clue to the authorship.

One night, while playing "Wang," in Worcester, Mass., about five years later, Hopper received a note from a friend in the town, inviting him around to a certain popular club, to meet the author of the famous "Casey."

"You may be sure," says Hopper, "that it did not take me long to get off my paint and into my clothes and around to the club, where my curiosity, as well as deep interest, was satisfied in my meeting with Ernest L. Thayer, the man who launched Casey upon an appreciative public. This man, who is a most charming gentleman, is a manufacturer in Worcester."

An aspiring playwright invited a few friends to a reading of one of his plays, one which he himself considered to be a masterpiece.

"I want you each," he said, before beginning the play, "to criticize unflinchingly, and tell me frankly what you think of my work."

After a long, tedious reading, during which the listeners looked meaningfully at each other, the author said:

"Now, tell me honestly what you think. I don't mind criticism."

All but one of the group expressed themselves more or less pleased with the work, mercifully refraining from any sharp criticism. One, however, said nothing, even when directly questioned.

"I think you are unkind in being the only one of my friends here not to encourage me in my labors by some sort of compliment," exclaimed the self-satisfied author.

"Yes," chimed in one of the toadying friends, "you lay yourself open to our criticism by not expressing your opinion."

"That may be," replied the honest one, "but not as much as you would criticize the opinions I might express."

Campbell Gollan, a member of one of

Belasco's companies, is an enthusiastic golf player, often taking an afternoon off at the beautiful links at Van Cortlandt Park, now within the precincts of Greater New York.

One day last Autumn he hired a little caddy, and wishing to call the youngster by name, said:

"And what do they call you, my little man?"

"Well, Sir," replied the boy, "the fellows on the links call me Boney, 'cause I'm so thin, but my real maiden name is Jones."

Gollan relates a story of a friend of his who, on entering the dining room of a hotel one rainy day, handed his hat and umbrella to the darkey in attendance. During the dinner Gollan and his friend discussed the subject of "memory," particularly that of hotel attendants, who seldom make a mistake in giving the right hat to the right man on leaving the dining room.

"I'm going to question the old fellow at the door as we go out," said Gollan's friend, who afterwards carried out his intention.

"And how did you know that this was my umbrella?" he asked the darkey.

"Bel'n' as it was a umbrella, Suh," was the reply, "I didn't know it belonged to yo' fuh sho, Suh."

"Then why did you give it to me?" queried the gentleman.

"'Cause you giv it to me, Suh," was the answer.

One of Gollan's stories is on another friend of his who practices medicine as a profession. The Doctor happened to get into conversation with a Colonel, and during the talk facetiously said:

"The army is a ferocious profession for a man to adopt. Now, in all the battles you fought as a soldier, how many do you think you have killed?"

"Well," said the Colonel, somewhat nettled, "that would be hard to say. By the way," he added, "with all the medicine you must have prescribed, how many do you think you've killed?"

### A WELL KNOWN FIRM OF MANAGERS.

Rice & Barton, who are a power in the realms of spectacular burlesque, began their managerial career in Pittsburgh, of which city they are natives, at the age of seven years, giving "shows" in the hen house to audiences of juveniles. The general admission was one cent, though peg tops and jack-knives were accepted as extra pay for reserved seats. They prospered, and soon removed to a commodious theatre in the barn, advancing prices to five cents. Reverses in the way of stern parental opposition, culminating in a fatherly chastisement, overtook them, and they ran away, shortly afterward appearing on the professional stage as song and clog dance performers, branching therefrom into black face comedy, variety, minstrel and farce comedy work. They were soon established, and were encouraged to produce "McDoodle's Flats," which proved a money maker. Seeing opportunities in the burlesque field, they equipped two organizations, the Rose Hill English Folly and Big Gaiety Extravaganza companies, which brought them fortune. Geo. Rice has always shown a preference for neat light comedy and genteel song and dance, while Charlie Barton has a liking for the broad, unctuous, rollicking roles. As a team their strongly contrasted work makes them exceedingly entertaining. By shrewd investments in real estate they bought and improved the property now known as Rice & Barton's Colony, Centreport, Long Island, adding new purchases from time to time. During the season a new and important production will be made by Rice & Barton, which they expect will eclipse all their previous efforts.



JEROME H. REMICK.

Jerome H. Remick, the subject of this sketch, is one of the pioneers in the music publishing field, having established American and foreign branch houses for the dissemination of popular sheet music in almost all the leading cities in the United States and Great Britain. Until recently he was a member of the successful firm of Shapiro, Remick & Co., of this city, having merged his extensive Detroit plant, known as the Whitney, Warner Publishing Company, into the Gotham house. This enterprise he has now extended by purchasing the sole interests of his partners, and will, upon the advent of the new year, assume complete control of the entire business in his own name. Personally Mr. Remick is a man of very reserved, but progressive character, possessing many qualities of fairness and generosity which have endeared him to his large staff of writers, among whom are Jerome and Schwartz, Williams and Van Alstine, O'Dea and Adams, Moses Gumble, Bert Cooper, Henriette Blanke, Charles Daniels, William Polla and other composers of note. Mr. Remick is a typical American in individuality and by birth, and was the first music publisher to establish a chain of department stores for the introduction of popular priced music.

### OUR LONDON LETTER.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

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Dec. 17.

It has been announced in a general, vague sort of way, that Colonel Henry Mapleson, who has for many years been engaged in operatic work in Paris, is about to open a French theatre in London. He intends to reproduce in London all the successful short plays, chiefly one act pieces, which have been a success in Paris. He will make his selection not only from the current successes, but also from the best pieces of the last few seasons. They will be played in their original French, and by their original companies. Vaudeville will be included. In short, any production of the foregoing kind likely to take in London. Colonel Mapleson has made up his mind to give his future

Mr. Sullivan is a fine actor, and, if given the part, he is sure to be a success.

When the attraction of "His Majesty's Servant" ceases at the Imperial Theatre Mr. Waller will revive Shakespeare's "Henry V." with himself again seen as the king, first played by him four years ago at the Lyceum. This revival, in turn, will be followed by a new play.

"A Wife Without a Smile" is not to enjoy so long a career as might have been prophesied for it on the strength either of its merits or of its faults, and its last performance at Wyndham's Theatre is somewhat unexpectedly announced for to-night. Later on we may look for a new comedy here from the pen of Captain Marshall, but in the meanwhile C. E. Hamilton has arranged with Frank Curzon for a short season, beginning a week hence, when he will introduce to Londoners "Peggy Machree," a new musical piece in which Denis O'Sullivan and Marie Dainton have been scoring a marked provincial success.

Henry Irving brought a brilliantly suc-

gramme. Mr. Banks writes me that he is a little under the weather, but hopes to be able to partake of his Christmas dinner. Eva Westcott launched her new play, "An Episode in Modern Life," at the Palace Theatre, Blackpool, last Monday night, and the originality of the little play and Miss Westcott's versatile work took the audience by storm. The ending climax is especially praiseworthy, and something new for the vaudeville stage. The whole thing is well thought out and will be a star card on any bill it will appear. Miss Westcott opens at the London Palace for extended engagement on Boxing Night.

Bud Snyder, the cycle rider, wishes to deny the rumor that he died in South America. Mr. Snyder recently returned from that country, and, although he had many narrow escapes, he is still very much alive, and will play an engagement at the Empire in February. "His return to life" last week rather surprised his friends in London.

Ed. F. Reynard, the man with the many mechanical figures, is at Newcastle-on-Tyne this week, and is repeating the success he made at Glasgow last week. He returns to Glasgow next week, but does not show at the same house.

Hugh Ward, the clever dancer, who has been for some time one of the features of the Empire ballets, has retired from that organization and is now rehearsing for "White Hat" pantomime, at the Drury Lane Theatre. Ward is an American, but has been in this country for a few years.

Bert A. Dorman, manager of the Cosmopolitan Club, offers its members every Sunday night a first class vaudeville show. A great many of the American performers in this city are members of the club, which accounts, in a way, for the quality of the shows given. Boxing contests are held every Thursday night.

Hume, Ross and Lewis have disbanded, and the new team now consists of Ross and Lewis. The latter are now doing a sort of a "Sunny Jim" skit, and are making a big success with it. Singing, musical selections and eccentric dancing are introduced during the action of the piece.

I understand that Hale and Francis sailed from America Dec. 15, for Germany, where they are booked for a long engagement.

Charles T. Aldrich has two more weeks at the Empire and then he returns to America to play an engagement in New York. The act still continues to be one of the strongest on the bill, which is saying a great deal, considering the strength of same.

George Harrop was in town last week, looking over some bookings for his Palace Theatre, at Blackpool; the Four Lukens were given a chance to play at the Summer resort, by could not accept because of previous bookings.

The Coliseum, one of the wonders of the entertainment world, will be opened on Monday next according to the announcements. It is not going too far to say there is nothing like it anywhere. It is the last word of managerial genius, mechanical ingenuity and lavish expenditure on popular amusement. A beautiful building of marble and alabaster, of gold and deep red and cream. It will seat some 3,500 people, and four shows will be given every day, Sundays excepted. From noon to two o'clock, from three to five, from six to eight, and from nine to eleven, vaudeville by the best performers will be given, many of the performers being engaged at salaries calculated to turn anyone's head. A Carnegie green with envy. The building covers an acre of land and has by far the largest stage ever erected, made to revolve at any speed up to twenty miles an hour, carrying a weight of thirty or forty tons. The Coliseum should appeal alike to the person who wished to drop in for a half hour or more, and to those who bring their lunch with them. There are refreshment rooms, writing rooms and telephone and messenger services attached to the building. Two distinct companies of performers will appear alternately, each for two performances daily.

Another home of vaudeville will be opened shortly, namely, the Lyceum Palace of Varieties, the old Lyceum transformed into a music hall. Thomas Barrasford, who, during a comparatively short career as amusement caterer, has won a high reputation in this line, and who is well known to American artists, will have charge of the house. Two houses a night show will be given, and already some strong cards have been booked, including a great many American acts. Alfred Selwyn, from the Hippodrome, Glasgow, comes to the Lyceum as general manager.

The Great Buckner, "cycle marvel," who was in London for about ten days, sailed for America Dec. 10. He put his act on at the Palace for one performance before leaving for home, but made the great mistake of inviting all the agents in town to see him work, with the result that not one of them could give him immediate time. If he had cast his lot with one agent he would have fared better than he did. Mr. Buckner met with great success at the Hippodrome, Paris, where he played for a month, and the act being such a novelty in "cycle wonders," should have got in over here. Before leaving Mr. Buckner informed me that he had been booked in this country. Americans who contemplate coming to this country to show their goods should paste these few words of advice in their hats, "Don't meddle with too many agents."

Leon Morris and his ponies are at the London Hippodrome this week. "Zutka," the Hoopers, Staley's Transformation Co., Baldwin Brothers and the Nevarros are other troupes furnished by Americans. Quite a good aggregation for one bill.

A bit of interesting news. The will of the late Dan Leno, who died in October, from heart failure, has been sworn in at £55,000.

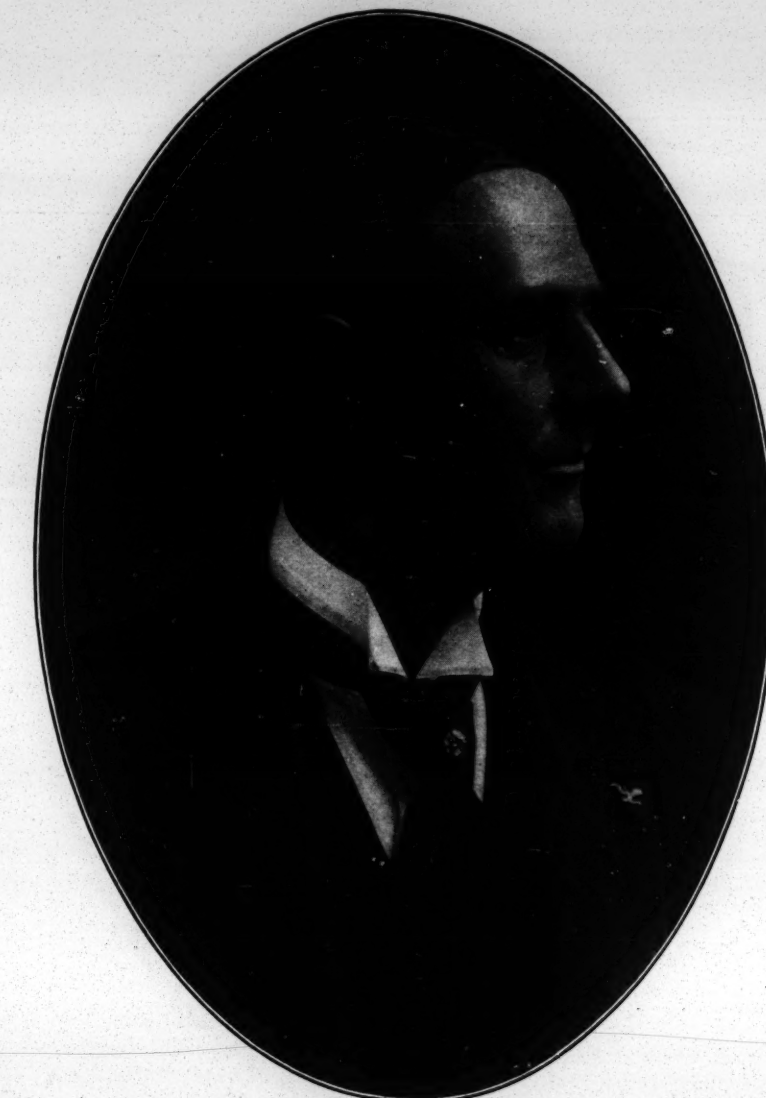
Mrs. Whallen's boy, Mike, arrived in Liverpool Dec. 8, accompanied by his newly-wed wife. They left for Leeds the same day, where Mike is to rehearse for pantomime at the Grand Theatre. He is looking well and has put on fifteen pounds in weight since his trip to the States. I am indebted to Dave Meln for this news. In his letter he also added the following: "Lawrence is topping the bill here this week at the Hippodrome (Liverpool), and he is more than making good. He is following 'High Jinks,' which runs forty minutes, and is nothing but comedy from start to finish, but he surprised me by the way he went on the opening night. He makes a fine appearance and delivers the goods in grand style. Eugene Stratton is drawing big houses to the Empire. Oswald Stoll is building a new hall near the Hippodrome. It will be open the early part of next year, and promises to be the finest hall in Liverpool."

This is the last week of the Three Meers at the Empire. Next week they go to Dublin, rest the following week and then go on the continent for a six months' sojourn, opening for a month at Dresden, Central Theatre, on Jan. 1. The act is always in demand in this country, and also in America.

Some six months ago the directors of the Empire succeeded in securing, at an enormous salary, Ching Ling Foo, since he was engaged for the Empire he has been touring 'round the world and will make his first appearance in England at the Empire on Jan. 2, accompanied by a troupe of ten of his ingenious countrymen.

Byron and Langdon are at the Empire, Shepherd's Bush, this week, and are entertaining the people of that district with their original creation, "A Dude Detective." Mr. Byron's conception of a dude is good and is always sure of winning many curtain calls. They were offered a pantomime work for twelve weeks at a big salary, but could not accept, because of present contract.

Frank Whitman, after a successful stay at the Oxford, has gone to Paris for a few days, and will return to London in good sea-



DR. H. D. RUCKER.

Who has just finished a tour through Europe, is by birth and education a Southerner. He is a graduate in theology, law and medicine. In 1896 he gained quite a national reputation as a political orator, and at present he is known as one of the most successful travelling medicine men in the world. He is also largely interested in various theatrical enterprises.

London friends the greatest possible variety.

"We shall be constantly changing our programme," he says. "Everywhere he has played with the authors and owners of the pieces he intends to import into London will enable him to realize his ambition as to variety. He intends to remunerate them by a percentage of the nightly gross receipts. Hitherto London managers have customarily bought French pieces outright, a very profitable bargain in the case of successful plays, but a very costly one in the case of failures. Colonel Mapleson's long and varied experience of the Paris stage has been an invaluable preparation for his novel enterprise in London. Ever since he gave up active opera management in England and America he has resided almost entirely in Paris. For the last nine years he has been president of the International Society of Music. He hopes to begin work in this city next March.

There was some hope that the quarrel between Cyril Maude and Frederick Harrison would be patched up, and that the most convenient association of an experienced man of affairs and a brilliant actor would continue in the management of the Haymarket Theatre. But it is not to be so, the rupture is final and complete. The manager of the Haymarket in the future will be Mr. Harrison. Mr. Maude will devote the greater part of next year to a tour of the provinces of America, and then he will settle into a home of his own, not into any existing house, but into a theatre to be called The Playhouse, and to have for its owner and builder W. S. Gilbert. Mr. Gilbert is already the owner of the Garrick, although it runs into an algebraic equation of sub-leases. This disposition to invest in theatrical property money made out of the theatre is interesting. The Gilbert and Sullivan operas furnished the capital for the Savoy and for the Royal English Opera House, the Prince of Wales' Theatre was financed by "The Colonel," the Lyceum was built by "Dorothy," and so on.

Owing to his having previously disposed of them to James K. Hackett, Arthur Bourchier has been compelled to decline the application for the American acting rights of Mr. Sutro's play, "The Walls of Jericho," reaching him from Charles Wyndham, who wished to add the part of Jack Frohisher to his repertory while in the United States. The Australian rights of this successful play have been acquired by Robert Brough, who is a popular actor-manager at the Antipodes. Mr. Sutro sailed last Saturday for America to superintend the rehearsals of his play.

Forbes Robertson sails for Canada on Christmas Eve to appear and bring out at Toronto on Jan. 9 H. V. Esmond's new play, entitled "Love and the Man." The company to play the piece includes, among others, Kate Korne, as the leading lady; Madge McIntosh and Frank Gilmore. Mr. Esmond's work on the whole has appealed more forcibly to American than to English audiences.

A notable feature of the revised version of "The Orchid," now showing to capacity business at the Gaiety Theatre, is the inclusion of James E. Sullivan in the cast. Since his remarkable success in "The Belles of New York" Mr. Sullivan has seemed "out of it." He has not, at any rate, been associated with any sort of a triumph, nor did his short experience on the music hall stage create much of a sensation. But under the George Edwards banner he has resuscitated himself.

cessful tour to a close last Saturday night at Manchester. Everywhere he has played to crowded and enthusiastic audiences, the advance sales being quite unprecedented. After a short rest Sir Henry makes his farewell appearance in other provincial towns, coming to Drury Lane for a short season after Easter.

At the Grand Theatre, Woolwich, last Monday night, a new musical comedy, entitled "The Selly Girl," was produced. Athel Mayhew is responsible for the book and lyrics, and W. Neale the music.

Julia Neilson and Fred Terry are now busily engaged with the rehearsals of their new play, "The Scarlet Pimpernel," by Orey Barstow, which they produce at the New Theatre early in January. Raymond Rose is writing the music for the show.

It is rumored that Alice Neilson has been engaged for twelve performances with the Metropolitan Grand Opera Co., in America.

Ellen Beach Yaw, the American singer, who, it is claimed, has the highest ranged voice in the world, is to forsake the concert platform and study for grand opera. She starts for Rome shortly and will study under Henry Russell.

The Queen of England attended a performance at the Alhambra recently, and this is the first that a queen of England has ever attended a performance at a music hall.

The King of Portugal and suite also saw a performance at this handsome variety house several days ago.

A grand banquet was tendered David Day, of the firm of Francis, Day & Hunter, on Dec. 3, at the Holborn Restaurant. Almost every song writer and composer of note in England was present, and Mr. Day must have felt elated at the great reception he received. In speaking of his recent trip to America, Mr. Day said it was a most enjoyable one.

The coming year will find the Three Diamonds at the Palace Theatre. I should have said the Four Diamonds, as a new member has been added to the trio. The new Diamond is a lady, with an excellent voice, and she ought to add much to the new sketch, which will be in two scenes, the first a poorly furnished room in the Latin Quarter, Paris, and the second a grand saloon.

The Reif Brothers opened at Stratford last Monday, and are the biggest feature on the bill. Their neat dancing act opened the eyes of the playgoers of the suburb, and despite the fact that there were other good dancers on the bill, the Reif boys got all the applause. They begin their London stay at the Coliseum next Monday, and will remain there for four weeks.

Al. Lawrence was such a success at the Hippodrome, Liverpool, last week, that he was held over a week. This is not done very often and is a good card for the mimic.

Jordan and Harvey have stopped music hall work and are now rehearsing for pantomime.

I saw Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hughes at Collins' this week, and their sketch went with a snap that was most refreshing. A clever skit played by two excellent performers is bound to be a success. Such is the case with the Hughes family.

Winona Winter, assisted by her father, Wm. H. Banks, is a big typed feature at the Empire Theatre, Nottingham, this week, and her work is justifying the management in giving her such a good place on the pro-



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**Des Moines.**—At Foster's Opera House (Wm. Foster, manager) "Glittering Gloria" with Dorothy Morion, played to a large audience 20. "The Tenderfoot" 26. Chas. Hawtrey 29, 30, "Eben Holden" 31.  
**GRAND OPERA HOUSE** (Wm. Foster manager).—"A Hot Old Time," 15-17, played full houses. "McFadden's Flats" drew big business 19-21. "A Romance of Coon Hollow" 22-24. "On the Bridge at Midnight" 26-28. "After Midnight" 29-31, James J. Jeffries Jan. 24.  
**AUDITORIUM** (Wm. Foster, manager).—James T. Powers, in "San Toy," Dec. 26; "The Marriage of Kitty" Jan. 2.  
**BIJOU** (C. W. Buchanan, manager).—Capacity at every performance. Bill week of 26: Van Fossen and McAuley, Mrs. Jules Levy and company, the Geromes, Wilson and Demont and Wagon and Tecklin.  
**LYCEUM** (Nellie Willard Nelson, manager).—The stock company, in repertory, is doing good business.

**Cedar Rapids.**—At Greene's Opera House (Will S. Collier, business manager) "Eben Holden" played Dec. 14. John S. McCutcheon, in "M. C. A. course," 15, had a big house and made big success. "A Romance of Coon Hollow," 16, drew a top heavy house. Harrison J. Wolfe, in "The Open Gate," 17, gave a good performance. "Two Married Women" 19. Coming: "San Toy" 23, Thomas Jefferson 26, "Sergeant Kitty" 30, "Why Girls Leave Home" Jan. 2, "A Message from Mars" 5, "On the Bridge at Midnight" 6, "An American Gentleman" 7.  
**AUDITORIUM** (L. Phillips, manager).—Bill for week of 19: John and Mott, Sutton and Sutton, Wilson and De Monville, Stoddard and Wilson, Phillips and Sharp and Madeline George.

**People's** (Edw. Curran, manager).—This handsome little theatre, though not entirely finished, will open informally with the matinee Dec. 24, with this bill for the week: "Olio, Lola Fawn, Ray W. Cline, Robbins and Tremaman, and Humes and Lewis." "His Nobs, the Baron," by the company, and "The Passion Play," with the polyscope.

**Davenport.**—At the Burtis Opera House (Chamberlain, Kindt & Co., managers) Sam T. Jack's Burlesque company, had good business 14. William Collier did good business 15. "Eben Holden" appeared to a good audience 16, as did "Iris" 17, and "McFadden's Flats" 18. Broadway Burlesque 24. "Why Girls Leave Home" 25, "Coon Hollow" 26, "San Toy" 28, Michigan Glee Club 31.  
**ELITE** (Nat Blossom, manager).—Bill for week of 26: The Wonderful Lebar, Phil and Carrie Russell, German comedians, and Nat Blossom, comedian.  
**ORPHEUS** (Oscar Raphael, manager).—The following were billed for week of 19: Gladstone Sisters, Major Le Voi, the Bartlett, Kline and Kline, Jesse, Worth and Jessie.

## INDIANA.

**Indianapolis.**—At English's Opera House (Ad. F. Miller, manager) "The Mummy and the Maid," Dec. 16, 17, did a fair business. Rejane, in "Zaza," 19, drew a good sized house. Tim Murphy 26-27, Ezra Kendall 28, "Red Feather" 30, 31.  
**PARK** (Dickson & Talbot, managers).—"Wedded and Parted," 15-17, filled the house twice a day. "Shadows of a Great City" filled a prosperous engagement 19-21. "El Capitán" 22-24, "The Lighthouse by the Sea" 26-28.

**GRAND OPERA HOUSE** (Shafer Ziegler, manager).—Bill week of 26: Clayton White and Marie Stuart and company, Lew Sully, Melrose Troupe, the Great Theresas, Hayes and Healy, Two Pucks, the Mitchells, Pierce and Malace and the bioscope. Business week of 19 was phenomenal.  
**UNIQUE** (R. B. Thorburn, manager).—Carrie M. Scott, Leonard and Bastedo, Robinson and Palmer week of 26. Business still holds good.  
**EMPIRE** (Chas. Zimmerman, manager).—Imperial Burlesque did big business week of 19. The Gay Morning Glories 26-31.

**Evansville.**—At the Grand Opera House (Pedley & Burch, managers) "In the Far East," Dec. 13, drew a fair crowd. The play was in good hands. "Sergeant Kitty," 15, called out a good house. "The Elmer" 18, "Under Southern Skies" had a good advance sale for 22. Margaret Neville Co. 26-31, "Dolly Varden" Jan. 3, "Ghosts" 4.  
**PEOPLE'S** (Pedley & Burch, managers).—A good house witnessed in "Convict's Stripes" Dec. 17. "Shadows of a Great City," 18, drew well. The play was very realistic and well staged. "Hoity Toity" had a big advance sale for 25. The Lyman Twins Jan. 2, Sam J. Jack's Co. 3.

**NOTES.**—Monocell Flowers, the second attraction of the Elks' Building, gave a Grand Dec. 19, to a fair audience. He was exceedingly clever and received liberal applause. Evans Hall was packed, 12, and the Royal Hungarian Octette gave an excellent concert. The Houston Concert Co. is the next number in this course, Jan. 24. . . . Manager Pedley, of the Grand, has given the house free to the ushers of that house for one night, and they are to give a benefit.

## VIRGINIA.

**Norfolk.**—At the Academy of Music (Corbin Shields, manager) Barlow's Minstrels, Dec. 17, had good business. Rose Coghlan, in "Diplomacy," 26; Elizabeth Kennedy 27, Creston Clarke 28.

**GRANDY** (Jake Wells, manager).—Business week of 19 was unusually good. "More to Be Piled than Scorned" 26-31.  
**BIJOU** (Abb. Smith, manager).—New people week of 26: Wallace Sisters, Molly Marchant, May Earl, Frank Davis and John West. Business is good.

**ACME** (Chas. M. West, manager).—People for week of 26: Innes and Davey, Belle Denver, Harry Page, Scott and Noyes and Prof. Weston's moving pictures. Business is good.  
**MANHATTAN** (J. M. & C. A. Crinlan, managers).—New people for week of 26: Jessie Collins, Lillian Lewis, Lillie Chester, May Penman, Master Earl Boston, Emma Wallace, Delmore and Onelda, Madge McCook, May Lemuel, Collins and La Belle, Tommy Harris and Chas. E. Brandon. Business is good.

**AUDITORIUM** (J. M. Barton, manager).—People week of 26: R. Jean Buckley, Prof. Ross, the Silvers, Lottie Florence, Lenora Stetson, Bob Murray and Charles E. Reitz. Business is good.

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Mrs. W. B. McC. Mineral Ridge.—We can not aid you.

B. D. S. Paterson.—We can only advise you to interest some manager in your work.

A. K. New York.—Address party. Watch our route list each week.

Miss M. H. Chicago.—See route list in this issue.

GIFORD.—Reitzmann, Broadway, between Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth Streets, New York City.

## CARDS.

J. P. Denver.—1. No. It is used in misprints, an offshoot of poker. 2. It does when ever straights are allowed. 3. No.

W. J. L. Montreal.—The game is unknown to us.

J. O. L. Tipton.—A and B win. The points count in this order of precedence: High, low, jack and game. High, jack, therefore, takes precedence over low, game.

## RING.

CRUIKSHANK.—1. Peter Jackson fought J. J. Jeffries March 22, 1898, at San Francisco. 2. Three rounds. He died July 23, 1901, at Sydney, Australia.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

J. S. R. Kansas City.—Make inquiry of one of the leading papers of your city.

L. J. B. Norman.—We have no knowledge of the game.

CONSTANT READER.—Address the present mayor of Jacksonville, Fla.

W. H. H. Etta.—Address the Attorney General of the State.

CHAS. WHALEN, monologist, arrived in New York Dec. 20, from England.

## Chess.

## A Winning Game.

BY PHANIA.

Under the holly and greens, Wrapped in a soft happiness, Moving our Kings and our Queens, Portia and I played at chess. She was coquettish and gay— Hopeful was I and sedate; She made her moves "just for play," I was for winning a mate.

Over the chessboard we strayed— A move left her Queen in my track, My hand over hers quickly closed; I cried, "I will never give it back." Now while the Christmas bells ring, Seated 'neath holly and green, I am acknowledged the King, She, my adorable Queen.

Am. Ch. Bulletin.

## Chess Deeds Accomplished.

We are pleased, and because it is right, to see that Mr. Marshall definitely agrees to post a preliminary forfeit of \$500, with the understanding that Dr. Lasker, at the same time, posts a like amount in the treasurer's hands. It is very satisfactory to be assured by Mr. M. that the championship negotiations will not interfere with the Janowski match in Paris, January, 1905. "Marshall's Chess Openings" has been laid on our table by the courtesy of British Chess Magazine. Space would utterly fail to say in full what we wish of this work; so, briefly, it is the most satisfactory and understandable elementary chess work we ever saw. When Mr. M. believes an Attack, or Defence bad or the best he says so, and does not ring in a lot of "trumpetry" stuff to confuse his students. 12 months' portrait and biography, pp. IV plus 1—185. \$1. American note, to Editor British Chess Magazine, 38 Park Cross Street, Leeds, Eng. The English managers of the cable match suggest April 14 and 15 next as suitable dates for the contest. These dates will, in all likelihood, be confirmed by the Brooklyn Club, says The Eagle. We await with much interest the result of the collegians' battles. The "big four," as previously given, commenced Dec. 22. Their captains are: Q. A. Brackett, Harvard; G. W. Tucker Jr., Columbia; W. N. Woodbury, Yale, and T. C. Mowry, of Princeton. Charles Curt, director of play; H. Helms and C. S. Howell, umpires. The triangular league college tourney, Cornell, Brown and Pennsylvania, comes soon after the above. James Mason, whose recovery from a long prostrating illness seemed assured, has suddenly fallen victim to a serious relapse. To show how much the relative rank of problems is a matter of taste with judges it is amusing to note that in recent European tourney a competition by no less a master of the art than A. F. Mackenzie was placed last by a German, and first by an English judge! Mr. Wallace E. Nevill has won the championship of the Mechanics Institute C. C., the leading chess organization of San Francisco, with a score, 12½ to 3½. Mr. N.'s portrait graces the December A. C. B. The telegraphic match, Chicago vs. Franklin C. C. Philadelphia has reached a conclusion, by dint of some adjudicating. Chicago, 9½; F. C. C., 6½. The 6 leading tables are of most interest: Phillips 1, vs. Shipley 0; Uedemann 1—Bampton 0; Johnson 0—Voigt 1; Medinus 1—Reichheim 0; Houghteling ½—Robinson ½; Parke 0—Motkowski 1, which seems to about set the pace. The four leaders in the current Manhattan C. C.'s tourney, after seven rounds, are: Schwartz, 6½ to ½; Hanham, 5½ to 1½; Jones, 5—1; Koehler, 4—0. In the recent annual match, 10 a side, Harvard vs. Yale, Harvard on the sixth leading board won 5½ to ½, but lost all the other 4.

## The World's Championship.

Some progress has been made towards this important event, and Mr. Marshall is reported to be especially prompt in his movements to promote the consummation of so desirable an object. As the war will not be entered to a seat in the council of the gods on Olympus, nor even be enrolled as a demigod before whom common mortals must "bend the pregnant hinges of the knee," Mr. M. evidently does not see the use, much less the necessity of pouring out a flood of pointers to beg the whole situation and disgust all readers.

Both parties refer in general terms to the stipulations drawn up for the Lasker-Tarrasch match, which Dr. L. again offers, and Mr. Marshall, in the main, agrees to. Our readers will like to see the full text of these articles, which we have not previously given. They are:

1. The match to be for the world's championship, and stakes of \$2,000 a side. 2. The player first winning six games to be declared the victor, draws not counting in the score. 3. The determination of the opening of the contest, within six months, to rest with Dr. Lasker, who, however, must set the exact date by giving his opponent six weeks' notice thereof. (In the case of Dr. L. suggests April, 1905, as a proper time for the match.) 4. Inasmuch as interest in the match is not limited to one country, and the game would be best served by having the match parceled out among different localities, it is advisable to have a series of events with that end in view. 5. Bids for the contest to be restricted to clubs and other chess organizations, Dr. Lasker being authorized to close deals on behalf of both principals. 6. The limit to be four moves an hour, and no session to last on any day may exceed six and a half hours. 7. No more than one game to be completed on any two successive days. 8. The principals to be in honor bound not to analyze adjourned games by aid of a board or pieces, and to decline the advice of outsiders.

Dr. Lasker does not here demand that Dr. Tarrasch shall make a preliminary deposit of \$2,000 marks (\$500) as a guarantee of good faith, why demand it of Mr. Marshall? We are glad to see the report that, in the main, Mr. M. accepts the above terms, and is ready to deposit \$500 towards the stakes when necessary; but, as is right, when he does so he stipulates that Dr. Lasker shall at the same time deposit an equal sum. And why not? The next step is awaited with much interest.

## Brevelities Gathered In.

M. Linn Bruce, our New York Lieutenant-governor-elect, is not only a chess player, but has a happy aptitude for illustrating other subjects by chess terms. Dr. L. of the late political canvas: "So Dr. L. State ticket was concerned, I think the experts would have said that in the opening our opponents developed a better game, which promised ultimate success; but we certainly played and lost a very satisfactory game, and accomplished a very satisfactory result. Despite the added cares of my office, I shall never be too busy to enjoy a good game of chess. The annual chess match, Yale vs. Columbia, was played on Dec. 3, and was won by Yale, 3½ to 2½. Princeton vs. Rutgers, the former won with a score of 4 to 2. The Princeton players are energetically at work to select their champions for the grand intercollegiate tourney to be held in this city. The true spirit of chess, and the true methods of promoting its interests, may always be looked for in the Brooklyn C. C. A cup has been offered by the directors to be competed for in a special tourney, open only to the third, fourth and fifth classes. The club always was and

always will be interested in those club movements designed to bring forward and encourage the young and less experienced players. The Manhattan C. C. is vigorously pushing its annual tourney with fourteen entrants. The Monte Carlo international will this year be transferred to Ostend, to be held in June next, and arrangements are on foot to make it the greatest of the series. M. Jules Arnous de Riviere, manager, as before. Via Tribune we learn that the current championship tourney of the Chicago C. C. has twenty entrants, and that after three rounds Eppens and Medinus lead with a clean score of 3.

## A Lady Chess Editor.

Miss Rose Jefferson is chess editor of The Commercial Appeal, [Memphis?]. She scored a game vs. Marshall in a simultaneous exhibition, and gave it in her columns thus:

## TWO KTS DEFEAT.

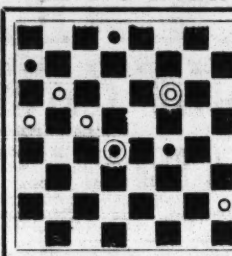
Miss R. J. Marshall. Miss R. J. Marshall. 1. P to K4 P to K4 13. P to Q R3 Q to K R4 2. K Kt-B3 Q Kt-B3 14. P Q R4 B-Kt3 3. B-B4 K Kt-B3 15. P Q R4 Q B x P 4. P-Q3 P-Q4 16. Kt-P x B Q x R P 5. K P x P Kt x P 17. K B-Kt3 Kt-K6 6. K B x P Kt x B 18. P R5 Q B-E sq 7. P-K R3 Kt-Q5 19. K R-home Q-Kt6 8. Kt x Kt P x Kt 20. K R-Kt sq Q-K3 9. Castles B-K3 21. Kt-K5 P-K B3 10. Kt-Q2 Castles 22. Q-Kt4 P x Kt(a) 11. P-K B4 K B-Kt3 23. Q x Q-R, Resigns, for 12. Kt-B3 K R-K sq his game is helpless. (a) If 22. R tks Q: 23. P tks B, R tks P: B tks R, etc.—R J.—Via Eagle.

## Checkers.

Solution of Position No. 29, Vol. 52.

BY CHAS. ROBERTS, FLUSHING, N. Y.  
Black 20 26 K14  
White 20 29 K7  
White to play and draw.  
7 3 14 18 21 17 10 6 13 9  
26 30 29 25 19 15 17 13 Drawn.  
22 17 19 15 10 7 12 19  
30 26 25 21 15 10 11 7  
7 11 23 19 8 11 18 15

## Position No. 30, Vol. 52.

BY ED. KNOERER, NEW YORK.  
Black 2 5 19 K18White 9 13 14 28 K11  
White to play and win.

## Game No. 30, Vol. 52.

LAIRD AND LADY.

BY MR. J. YATES, BATHAM.

From Notts. Guardian.

11 15 24 20 2 18 19 15 14 18  
23 19 6 9 23 14 9 13(d) 32 28  
8 11 31 26 7 10(b) 15 10 31 27  
22 17 1 6(a) 14 13 17 19 16  
9 13 19 17 10 10 7 12 19  
17 14 13 17 27 23 18 22 3 12  
10 17 15 10 5 9(c) 26 23 11 15  
21 14 6 15 28 24 22 26 12 16  
15 18 25 22 10 14 23 19 White  
26 23 18 25 23 19 26 31 wins.  
4 8 29 15 18 7 3

## (a) Appears to lose.

15 18 26 23 7 10 27 23 5 9  
28 24 8 11 14 17 18 27 30 25  
11 15 23 19 3 17 32 23 9 13  
then 25 to 21. White wins.  
12 16 32 28 (c) 14 25 21 15 18  
28 24 8 12 26 22 13 17 21 17  
5 9 30 25 9 13 22 13 White  
wins.

## (d)

18 23 11 18 18 23 14 18 9 14  
26 19 19 15 24 19 20 16 16 11  
then 23 to 27. White wins.

## Notice to Our Correspondents.

As New Year will be celebrated Monday, Jan. 2, we desire, wherever it is possible, that all matter intended for the issue of THE CLIPPER dated Jan. 7, shall reach this office not later than the Saturday preceding the date of issue.

## MARYLAND.

Baltimore.—At Ford's Opera House (Charles E. Ford, manager) Henry W. Savage's English Grand Opera Co. Dec. 26-31. "The Merry Shop Girls" were here week of 19.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC (Nixon &amp; Zimmerman, managers).—"Mother Goose" Christmas week, after which Wright Lorimer returns with "The Shepherd King" for two weeks. Lillian Russell scored a big success with "Lady Teazle," which was an unequalled success in every way.

CHASE'S (W. Warren De Witt, manager).—"Under the Red Robe" Dec. 31. The mysterious Mr. Bugher was given last week.

AUDITORIUM (James L. Kernan, manager).—"The Burgomaster" 26-31. "David Harum" did fair business 19-24.

MARYLAND (James L. Kernan, manager).—The bill for Christmas week embraces: "Patience," Sydney Deane and company, Charles F. Semon, Emmett De Voy and company and Walter C. Kelly.

HOLIDAY STREET (George W. Rife, manager).—"The Factory Girl" 26-31. "Dangers of Working Girls," formerly known as "Dealers in White Women," drew fairly week ending 24.

BLANEY'S (Charles E. Blaney, manager).—"Tilly Olsen" comes 26, succeeding "A Woman's Struggle," which closed 24.

MONUMENTAL (James L. Kernan, manager).—Lark's Runaway Girls open 26 for the week. The World Beaters had a fair week 19-24.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Manchester.—At the Opera House (E. W. Harrington, manager) Fiske &amp; Stock Co. Dec. 26-31. "The Isle of Spice" Jan. 11.

PARK (John Stiles, manager).—"The Child Wife" Dec. 19-21. "Bora Thorne" 22-24. "The Factory Girl" 26-28. "East Lynne" 29-31.

CASINO (Al. Martz, manager).—Week of 26: Gaffney and Grant, Pat Dalton, Louise Rochefort, Ida May and Lizzie Hart and Fred Smith's new one act drama, "On the Road to Goffe Falls."

NOTE.—Lena La Belle and Marion Barry closed at the Casino 20, on account of the death of their mother, which occurred at Attleboro, Mass., 20.

## OKLAHOMA.

Oklahoma City.—At Overholser Opera House, Ed. Overholser, manager) Walker Whitesides, Dec. 16, in "David Garrick's Love," had a large audience. "A Bunch of Keys" 18, pleased greatly.

## OUR CHICAGO LETTER.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

## Western Bureau.

## Of the New York Clipper.

Room 502, Ashland Block, Chicago.

The Christmas holidays find Chicago with only one absolute novelty in its catalogue of amusements—Cecilia Loftus, in "The Serio-Comic Governess," at Powers's. If we except the popular priced offering of Eva Tanguay, in "The Sambo Girl," at the Great Northern, at McVicker's "In Old Kentucky" opens for the holiday fortnight Christmas afternoon, and at the Studebaker the Augustin Daly Musical Co. changes its bill to "The Country Girl" on Monday afternoon, Dec. 26. "Fantana" remains at the Garrick. "The Girl from Kay's" continues at the Illinois, Otis Skinner, in "The Harvester," begins his second week at the Grand Opera House, and "His Highness the Bey" is still the stock company offering at the La Salle. The week stands opening Sunday afternoon, 25, include: Selma Hermann, at the Criterion; "The Heart of Maryland," at the Academy of Music; "Why Women Sin" at the Alhambra; "No Wedding Bells for Her" at the Bijou, and "The Smart Set," at the Columbus. The Trocadero and Folly offer a change of bill in "The Wheel" programme of combination burlesque; May Howard continues at the head of the burlesque stock company at Sam T. Jack's; dramatic stock holds forth at the People's, Howard's and Bush Temple of Music, and vaudeville is provided, as usual, at the Chicago Opera House, Olympic, Haymarket and Hyde &amp; Behman's. The Boer War, in a class by itself, continues at the Coliseum.

LUXOR THEATRE (Will J. Davis, manager).—Sam Bernard, Hattie Williams and "The Girl from Kay's" continue a potent combination, attracting large audiences and delighting all beholders. Wm. Gillette, in "The Admirable Crichton," will be the first change in attractions for the new year.

POWERS'S THEATRE (Harry J. Powers, manager).—Cecilia Loftus presents the leading novelty of the week, opening Monday, Dec. 25, in "The Serio-Comic Governess." She follows a prosperous fortnight at Margaret and "The Eternal Feminine," which ended Saturday night, 24. On 25 Leon Wachsmen's German Co. will give its customary weekly performance, coming down from Milwaukee for that purpose.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE (Harry Askin, business manager).—Otis Skinner, in "The Harvester," enters upon the second week of his engagement 26, booked to remain until Jan. 7, when Richard Mansfield will succeed him, booked for five weeks. During the past week Mr. Skinner enjoyed excellent business, and "The Harvester" has won most favorable opinions.

GARRICK THEATRE (Sam P. Gerson, business manager).—Two weeks more of "Fantana," starting Christmas Day, and then comes Ada Rehan, Jan. 9. Last week was "Fantana's" twelfth, the hundredth performance having been celebrated with the week's beginning. Business remains immense.

MCVICKER'S THEATRE (Geo. C. Warren, business manager).—Jacob Litt's ever popular "In Old Kentucky" opens Christmas afternoon for another of those annual engagements which always pack the house. Blanche Walsh terminated three weeks of "The Kreutzer Sonata" Saturday night, after a succession of crowded houses made up of delighted auditors. "In Old Kentucky" stays two weeks.

STUDEBAKER THEATRE (R. E. Harmeyer, business manager).—On Monday, 26, the Augustin Daly Musical Co. changes its bill from "The Clinkage," which ran for five weeks to fine business, to "The Country Girl," booked for indefinite period.

GREAT NORTHERN THEATRE (Fred C. Eberts, business manager).—Eva Tanguay will start the holiday merriment here on Christmas afternoon, with "The Sambo Girl," a musical frivolity, new to these precincts.

JIMMY'S (Jimmie Busby, manager) was last week's attraction, and the old favorite show and company was liberally patronized and pleased as usual.

LA SALLE THEATRE (E. R. Mackage, business manager).—With Al Shean constantly adding to his vogue in the leading role, "His Highness the Bey," is continued as the offering of the musical stock company, the sixth week starting Christmas afternoon.

COLUMBIA THEATRE (Weber Bros., managers).—"The Smart Set" opens Christmas afternoon, following a week of Wedded and Partied, and offers a little change from the melodramatic bill of fare usually served up to patrons of this resort.

CRITERION THEATRE (Ben M. Groux, business manager).—Lottie Williams and company in "Only a Shop Girl" is the current attraction, during the current days. Selma Hermann, in "The Charity Nurse," which was in profitable evidence during the past week.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC (Wm. Roache, business manager).—David Belasco's name is associated with the "Heart of Maryland," which is at the house for Christmas week as the attraction following "Why Women Sin," which, during the past week, attracted liberal patronage.

ALHAMBRA THEATRE (James H. Browne, business manager).—"Why Women Sin" will be made known here Christmas afternoon, to remain during the current days. Selma Hermann, in "Wedded, But No Wife," provided excellent and thrilling entertainment for last week's crowds.

BIJOU THEATRE (Wm. Roche, business manager).—"No Wedding Bells for Her" declares the heroine of the present drama, which starts along its fourteen performance way on Christmas afternoon, succeeding a week of "A Span of Life," which ended Saturday night, 24.

TEMPLE THEATRE (Elizabeth Schroeder, manager).—Geo. Allison and Mabel Montgomery will be the chief figures in "A Temperance Town," put on for Christmas week, by the Players' Stock Co. The bill last week was "Frou Frou."

FOLLY THEATRE (Fred G. Conrad, manager).—"The Showaway" is the Christmas week bill, following "East Lynne," which was in evidence during the past week. Eugene Moore and Lillian O'Neil have the leads, as usual.

HOWARD'S THEATRE (Lorin J. Howard, manager).—May Hosmer begins an indefinite occupancy of this theatre Christmas Day, opening with "A Lost Paradise," supported by a specially chosen stock company, of which Leggs will be the leading man.

OLYMPIC THEATRE (Abe Jacobson, manager for Kohl &amp; Castle).—Opening Monday afternoon, 26: Payton and Harris, McKisson and Reed, Whalen and Searl, Ferguson and Passmore, Mexias and dog, Flo Adler, the Aherns, Josie De Witt, Edmund Day and company, and the "Brooklyn Musical Comedy."

NEWSPAPER Quintette, Tobin Sisters, Hickey and Nelson and Geo. K. Spoor's kinodrome. Considering the week before Christmas business was good ending Saturday. Willie Zimmerman's artistic impersonations of musical composers and conductors, familiar and historical, Briggs and Anna Hardin with Mr. Jefferson, for "Bip Van Winkle," Maud Brandon, with "Everyman" Co.; R. M. Hawes, with "The Elphors" Co.; Jack Krall, with "A Runaway Match" Co.; Wm. C. Dowling, with "The Elphors" Co.; and "The Elphors" Co.; Van Rensselaer and Charles Kingsley with "An American Woman" Co.; Mabel Fortune, Mary Hall, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Williams, Lillian Mauley and H. J. Seachrist, with the "Alphonse and Gaston" Co.; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beall, with the "Woodville and Burgess Stock Co.," Kate Tomney and F. Gullard, with "The Old Clothes Man" Co.; Anna Hamilton, Charles Manton and Sadie Le Claire, S. E. Brady, Fritz Lieber and Lloyd Ford, with "Betrayed at the Altar" Co.;

Arabs and Geo. K. Spoor's kinodrome. The general excellence of the past week's bill served to keep the business at a high average, considering the nearness of the holiday season and the rush for Christmas shopping.

HAYMARKET THEATRE (W. W. Freeman, manager for Kohl &amp; Castle).—Opening Monday afternoon, 26: The Schiller Brothers, Clark and Duncan, J. C. Fox, Wetherly and Grundy, the Ramsey Sisters, Howard Truesdell and company, Wynne Winslow, Teshow's cats, Lew Hawkins, Williams and Tucker, Willie Zimmerman, the Society Belles and Geo. K. Spoor's kinodrome. West sliders are having the best vaudeville they have seen, and business keeps up a splendid average. Felix and Barry, Josephine Sabel, Ryan and Richfield and Delmore and Lee came in for special, and deserved, favor last week.

HYDE &amp; BEHMAN'S (Archie Ellis, manager).—Opening Monday afternoon, 26: The Florenz Troupe, Bandy and Wilson, the World's Trio, the Metropolitan Grand Opera Quartet, Lillian Leroy and Robert Henry Hodge and company. Retained from last week: Jessie Millward and company, O'Brien and Havill, and Singer's monkeys, Harrigan, the tramp juggler and monologist, closed a fortnight of repeated successes Saturday night, 24. O'Brien and Havill scored well in last week's bill, the new "Miss Havill" proving a graceful and accomplished assistant in the success of the act. The Italian Trio ended their return engagement with a renewal of the vocal triumphs they won earlier in the season.

SAM T. JACK'S THEATRE (Sidney J. Euson, manager).—The intermingling of burlesque and vaudeville continues a potent offering here, business continuing at a most pleasing standard. May Howard, as the feature of the entertainment, has proven a valuable acquisition to an already popular organization.

TROCADERO THEATRE (Robert Fulton, manager).—The City Sports return to "The Levee" for Christmas week, to give a new standard, earlier won in this locality. During the past week L. Lawrence Weber's Parisian Widows provided excellent entertainment for enthusiastically appreciative crowds.

FOLLY THEATRE (Robert Fulton, manager).—Williams' Imperials made their first bow of the season Sunday afternoon, 25, to remain for this week's fourteen performances. The Pay Foster Co. was in evidence last week, amusing the customary Folly crowds which, after the Sunday opening, do not run at an astonishingly high average.

COLISEUM (Stewart Spalding, manager).—The second week of the Boer War opens Christmas afternoon, two daily performances continuing the advertised rule for the announced five weeks of the engagement. Being a decided novelty, our amusement seekers are being attracted in large numbers to the interesting and invigorating entertainment.

AFTERMATH.—General Manager Martin Beck has decided upon some important changes in the executive staff of the Orpheum forces. C. E. Bray, who has been manager of the New Orleans Orpheum since the house opened, will come to Chicago to assume the duties of assistant manager of the entire Orpheum circuit. He will be succeeded in the New Orleans house management by Thomas S. Winston, who has been press agent for the New Orleans Orpheum since the house opened, and will come to Chicago to assume the duties of assistant manager of the entire Orpheum circuit. He will be succeeded in the New Orleans house management by Thomas S. Winston, who has been press agent for the New Orleans Orpheum since the house opened, and will come to Chicago to assume the duties of assistant manager of the entire Orpheum circuit. He will be succeeded in the New Orleans house management by Thomas S. Winston, who has been press agent for the New Orleans Orpheum since the house opened, and will come to Chicago to assume the duties of assistant manager of the entire Orpheum circuit.







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Villicia 3, Skidmore 4, 5, Maitland 6, Forest  
City 7, Gallatin 7.  
Nankerville's, W. E. (Geo. A. Boyer, mgr.)—  
Duluth, Minn., Jan. 2, 3, Marquette, Mich.;  
Primrose, George H. (James H. Decker, mgr.)—  
Springfield, Mass., 26, North Adams 27, Pitts-  
field 28, Northampton 29, Worcester 30, 31,  
Hartford, Conn., Jan. 2, Meriden 3, Waterbury  
4, Bridgeport 5, New Haven 6, 7.  
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Vernon, Tex., 27, Hobart, Okla., 28, Apache 29,  
Lawton 30, Anadarko 31, Chickasha, Ind. Ter.,  
Jan. 2, Duncan 3, Ennis, Tex., 5, Waskahchie  
6, West 7.  
Sun's, Gus (Frank D. Fowler, mgr.)—Lelpais,  
O., 29, Lima 30, Piqua 31, Xenia Jan. 2, Dayton  
(Soldiers' Home) 3, Lebanon 4, Wilmington  
5, Hillsboro 6, Chillicothe 7.  
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Y., 28, Ossining 29, Peekskill 30, Cohoes 31.  
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Roadville 30, Greenville 31, Smiley Jan. 2,  
Hinesville 3.  
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Parrish 30, Ybor City 31, Bartow Jan. 2, Wau-  
chula 3, Fort Odena 4, Fort Myers 5, Punta  
Gorda 6, Arcadia 7.  
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Lansford, Pa., 28, 29, Burwick 30, 31.  
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31.  
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Dennington, Vt., 26-31, North Adams, Mass.,  
Jan. 2-7.  
Fluitts, Mr. and Mrs. (H. L. Flitt, mgr.)—Can-  
ton, Ill., 26-31, Peoria Jan. 2-7.  
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26-28, Dobbysville 29-31.  
Gray Almo Shows (Woods & Reed, mgrs.)—  
Bryan, Tex., 26-31, Brenham Jan. 2-7.  
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Stanley, Wis., 28, Bond 29, Cadott 30, Chippa-  
wa Falls 31, Bloomer Jan. 2-7.  
Globe Victor (W. C. Weber, mgr.)—Benning-  
ton, Vt., 28, North Adams, Mass., 30, 31,  
Hartford, Conn., 29, 30, 31, Smith's Falls  
30, 31.  
Pugsley Bros.—Tennessee Warblers—Detroit,  
Mich., Jan. 2-6, Pontiac 7.  
Quaker Entertainers (Dr. Horatio, mgr.)—Cor-  
vaca, Neb., 26-31, Nevers Crossing Jan. 2-7.  
Shepard's, Archie L. Moving Pictures, Northern  
(Geo. F. Hayes, mgr.)—Newport, R. I., 28,  
29, Norwich, Conn., 30, 31, New London Jan.  
2, 3, 4, Springfield, Mass., 6,  
Hartford, Conn., 7.  
Shepard's, Archie L. Moving Pictures, Eastern  
(J. H. Laine, mgr.)—Atlanta, Ga., 28, 29,  
Athens 30, Macon 31, Jacksonville, Fla., Jan.  
2, 3, Tampa 4-6, Palatka 7.  
Shepard's, Archie L. Moving Pictures, Southern  
(Chas. B. Poor, mgr.)—Denison, Tex., 28,  
Waxahatchee 29, Corsicana 30, Waco Jan.  
2, 3, Hillsboro 4, Belton 6, Temple 7.  
White Mahatma, S. S. Baldwin (John M. Hickey,  
mgr.)—Sharon, Pa., 26-31, Loraine, O., Jan.  
2-7.

## Vaudeville Route List.

This list is made up as nearly  
accurate as it is possible to make a list  
of vaudeville bookings. To insure in-  
sertion in this department the name  
of the theatre or park, as well as the  
city or town, must accompany each  
booking sent us.

Adler, Flo, Olympic, Chicago, 26-31.  
Adair & Dahn, Pol's, Waterbury, Conn., 26-31;  
Pol's, Hartford, Conn., 26-31.  
Aclty, Miss, Dahn, O., 26-31.  
Adams & Taylor, Cook's, Rochester, N. Y., 26-  
31; Shea's, Buffalo, Jan. 2-7.  
Adelman, Jos., Apollo, Nuremberg, Ger., 26-31.  
Adams & Mack, Pawtucket, Pawtucket, R. I., 26-  
31.  
Abern & Baxter, Pantages, Seattle, Wash., 26-31.  
Abern, The Olympic, Chicago, 26-31; Hay-  
market, Chicago, Jan. 2-7.  
Ali & Peises, National, Havana, Cuba, 26-Jan.  
14.  
Alburtus & Miller, City of Mexico, Mex., 26-Jan.  
14.  
Almond, Tom, Providence, 26-31.  
Allison, Mr. & Mrs., Keith's, Cleveland, 26-31.  
Allen Family, St. Louis, 26-31.  
Allen, Searl & Violet, Pol's, Hartford, Conn., 26-  
31; Portland, Me., 26-31.  
Alexander, Geo. B., Boston, 26-31.  
Alburtus & Bartram, Empire, London, Eng., 26-  
Jan. 14.  
Alburtus & Caville, Empire, Minneapolis, Minn., 26-  
31.  
Allen's Monkeys, Music Hall, Boston, 26-31.  
Almon, Joe, Unique, Santa Cruz, Cal., 26-31.  
América Quintet, Barrasford Tour, Eng., 26-Jan.  
14.  
Avalia-Manola Family, Shedy's, Fall River,  
Mass., 26-31.  
Auer & Hanley, Shedy's, New Bedford, Mass.,  
26-31.  
Armistead & Burke, Keith's, Boston, 26-31.  
Archer, Will, Music Hall, Boston, 26-31.  
Armstrong & Vern, O. A., Grand Rapid, Mich.,  
26-Jan. 7.  
Atlanta, La Belle, Stoll Tour, Eng., 26-Jan. 14.  
Atkinson, Geo., Castle, Bloomington, Ill., 26-31;  
Bijou, Rockford, Jan. 2-7.  
Auburns (3), Grand, Missouri, Mont., 26-31.  
Austin, Geo., Grand, Milwaukee, 26-31.  
Avery & Healy, Empire, La Salle, Ill., 26-31;  
Castle, Bloomington, Jan. 2-7.  
Bandy & Wilson, H. & B., Chicago, 26-31.  
Barker, Great, London, Can., 26-31.  
Bates & Ernest, Unique, San Fran., Cal., 26-31.  
Barratt Sisters, Cincinnati, O., 26-31; Olympic,  
Chicago, Jan. 2-7.  
Barratt's (3), Circle, N. Y. C., 26-31.  
Bartley & Madison, Yorkville, N. Y. C., 26-31.  
Barry & Halvers, H. & S., N. Y. C., 26-31.  
Baader-La Velle Trio, Bloomington, Ill., 26-31.  
Bayer, Nora, Circle, N. Y. C., 26-31.  
Bartlett's, The Jacobs', Peoria, Ill., 26-31.  
Baker, Tony, O. H., Lancaster, Pa., 26-31.  
Barnes, Paul, Keith's, Boston, 26-31.  
Bentham & Freeman, Bijou, Shelbygan, Wis., 26-  
31.  
Belfort, May, Casto, Fall River, Mass., 26-31.  
Belones, The National, Kansas City, Mo., 26-31.  
Bedouin Arabs, C. O. H., Chicago, 26-31.  
Bellman & Mack, Pol's, Pittsburg, 26-31;  
Cincinnati, Jan. 2-7.  
Belfort, Mr. & Mrs. Al. G., Orpheum, Lynn,  
Mass., 26-31.  
Bean & Davis, New Grand, Missouri, Mont., 26-  
31.  
Bell, Sewator Frank, Gaiety, Springfield, Ill., 26-  
31.  
Beck & Arthur, Keith's, Boston, 26-31.  
Benedict & Powell, A. & S., Boston, 26-31.  
Bell, Digby, Keith's, Phila., 26-31.  
Bell, Bicycle, Chicago, 26-31; Springfield, Ill.,  
Jan. 2-7.  
Birtch, John, H. & B., Bkln., 26-31.  
Bindham & Gable, Bon Ton, Salt Lake, Utah, 26-  
31.  
Bodgett Sisters, Proctor's 5th Ave., N. Y. C., 26-  
31; Howard, Boston, Jan. 2-7.  
Blanche, La Belle, Proctor's 5th Ave., N. Y. C.,  
26-31.  
Black, Violet & Co., Proctor's, Newark, N. J.,  
26-31.  
Boyd, Archie & Co., Temple, Detroit, 26-31.  
Boyd, Harry E., Novelty, Oakland, Cal., 26-31.  
Boston Bros., Keith's, Phila., 26-31.  
Boises, Four, Keith's, Phila., 26-31; Shea's,  
Phila., Jan. 2-7.  
Boyd, Fred, & Co., Hartford, Conn., 26-31.  
Bright Bros., Haymarket, Chicago, 26-31; Co-  
lumbia, St. Louis, Jan. 2-7.  
Brudine, Ella, H. & B., Bkln., 26-31.  
Brittons, The Pol's, Waterbury, Conn., 26-31.  
Brooks & Young, Gaiety, Springfield, Ill., 26-  
31.  
Brown, Fred, Keith's, N. Y. C., 26-31.  
Brown, Harris, Broadway, N. Y. C., 26-31.  
Brooklyn, Florence, Publione's Circus, Havana,  
Cuba, 26-Jan. 7.  
Brown, Jack, & Lillian Wright, Orpheum, Daves-  
port, Ia., 26-31.  
Bruno & Russell, Keith's, N. Y. C., 26-31.  
Brown, Harry A., Bell, Oakland, Cal., Jan. 2-7.  
Rush, Frank, Keith's, N. Y. C., 26-31.  
Burton & Brooks, Olympic, Chicago, 26-31; Hay-  
market, Chicago, Jan. 2-7.  
Burt, Frank, London, Can., 26-31.  
Bush & Gordon, Bijou, La Crosse, Wis., 26-31;  
Chicago, Jan. 2-7.  
Burke, Lorne and Luky Boys, Victoria, N. Y. C.,  
26-31.  
Busell, Tomie, Newark, N. J., 26-31; Utica, N.  
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## With the Bill Posters.

Notes from Local No. 17, Boston.—A delegation from this local attended the meeting of the Central Labor Union last Sunday. Bro. James Gammon's thoughtfulness for his fellow workers was shown by a midnight repast for the officers of the local, at his residence, was a big success. Jack Singer, manager of the Blue Ribbon Girls Co., was made an honorary member of this organization. Mr. Singer's verdict is that no place can beat Boston for hospitality and its loved ones. Bro. Frank Lioy, our president, is a man of varied accomplishments. Aside from his ability as a bill poster, he is a public speaker, an athlete, and an expert rifleman. Bro. Sandy Munro and Ted Wehrle are organizing a basketball team. Advance agents in town are: Frank McKee, with the Rogers Bros.; E. D. Abrams, with "The Tenderfoot"; Bob Robinson, with "Superba"; James Dunworth, with "A Working Girl's Wrongs"; and also a member of Local No. 10, of Minneapolis; Emil Anker-miller, for the returns of the Blue Nelson; for Henry Miller. Bro. Harry Jewell is the new door-tender at the Columbia. Bro. Kid Merchant did banner work for the Opera House last week. Bros. John Ellis and Dave Superior were in charge at the Hub Theatre, for the returns of the Blue Nelson. Bro. Miah Murray, Frank Perley, formerly of the Hollis Street Theatre forces, is in town as secretary of "The County Chairman" Co. Bro. John Cullen, the Revere bill poster, is to recover his boards with sheet iron. Poster friends are besieging Bro. John Butler and Gene Robie for some of the unique lithographs they use in booming the poultry show, at the Mechanics' Building. The Bijou Theatre is to reopen with the "Little Princess." Bro. Wm. Mahar is the steward of the Donnelly Bill Posters Co., and Bro. Harry Corbett the superintendent. There has been no settlement made of Fall River strike. Boston Theatrical Mechanics' Association will benefit at the Boston Theatre Sunday evening, Jan. 8. Members of this local who are brothers of the lodge are: Bros. E. J. Curran, Theo. Wehrle, Joe Glynn, Oscar Kievaner, Dave Superior, Chas. Spear, James Gammon, Geo. Collier, Louis Burkhardt, Harry Peyser and John Butler. Members of Local 17 kindly send their address to H. M. Peyser. Notes from Local No. 18, Newark, N. J.—At our last meeting, held Dec. 18, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, John B. McNally; vice president, A. H. Mahrs; treasurer, L. A. Weddle; recording secretary, H. S. Meyer; financial secretary and business agent, A. B. Roberts; sergeant-at-arms, Chas. O. Brown; trustees, I. Hitt, M. Bergen and I. Keeling. The installation of officers will take place at our next regular meeting, Jan. 8, 1905, at which all members are requested to attend. Headquarters, 94 Market Street, Newark, N. J. Maurice E. Cain, of Local No. 3, is head of "Eight Bells" Co.; Robt. Mills, of Local No. 33, is ahead of "The Peddler" Co.; Arthur Pearson, of Local No. 1, is ahead of the "Alone in the World" Co.; Ed. Gestro, manager, Fatai Wedding Co., had a good time, and bowling tournament, at the local last week. Bros. Clark and Mills carried off all the honors, defeating Bros. Pearson and Gestro by a very small margin. The members of Local No. 15, of Springfield, Mass., are making elaborate plans for their assembly in Apollo Hall, which will be the largest affair held in the city in its vicinity. The committee on arrangements are: Bros. Clark, Nihil and Davis. All bill posters, advance men and members of the theatrical companies playing in that vicinity want to underline Jan. 24 if they wish to have an enjoyable time, as the boys of this local are royal entertainers. Among those who have recently enjoyed their hospitality are: John Shean, of Local No. 6, of Denver, Col.; Louts, of Paterson, N. J.; Local No. 20, ahead of the Primrose Minstrels; Lewis Katz, of Local No. 19, of Wilmington, Del., in advance of "Past Life in New York"; and Harry Levy, with the "From Rags to Riches" Co., a member of Local No. 21, of Albany, N. Y. Fred Belmont, president and delegate of Local No. 15 to the national convention of bill posters, recently held at Pittsburgh, Pa., was chosen a member of the legislative committee. On his return he stopped in Boston, where he and R. H. Clark, of the same local, attended a dinner given by the Boston Local on Dec. 11. Both men have nothing but praise for the Hub brothers for the cordial reception extended to them. John Moriarty, of this local, is to be the bill poster for the Holyoke Opera House. Secretary R. H. Clark wishes all members of the local to put themselves in touch with him at once. Notes from Local No. 12, Milwaukee.—The brothers here are all happy again, as the theatres have gone back to billing again. Bro. Dean Cameron, of Local No. 1, agent of the Bijou, has three steady men; Bro. Ed. Pipper, of Local No. 7, is first assistant, and is well known and liked throughout the country; the different local and has had charge of the banners of the Forepaugh & Sells Show for the past five years. He is making his home here and is also going to transfer from Local No. 7 to No. 12. Bro. Dunn, agent of the Alhambra, has a crew of five men; Bro. L. Coughlin, of the Davidson, has two men; Bro. Chas. Thomas, of the Academy, has three men; Bro. O'Keefe, of the Star, has three men; Bro. Gradner, of Local No. 3, was here head of "Escaped from the Harem"; and we gave him a good reception. Bro. Chas. Abbe, of Local No. 24, of Memphis, Tenn., was acting as treasurer of the Ralph Stuart Co. At the last meeting Bro. Mick, who was a delegate to the convention at Pittsburgh, gave his report, which was cheerfully received and loudly applauded, and he is asked to thank Local No. 3, of Pittsburgh, in behalf of Local No. 12, on the reception that they had given our representative and especially our national president, Charles Joseph, and to congratulate him upon his election for a third term; also to thank them for the souvenir, which is a very pretty book. Bro. Mick was also elected fourth vice president of the national alliance. Road members of Local No. 12 are requested to furnish Bro. Mick with their addresses, as he has several matters of importance to notify them of, including the circus scale for 1905. Leo Salomon is with "The Wayward Son" Co. (Western), en route, as business manager.

## Miscellaneous.

SNALLOW & MARKLE NOTES.—The Snallow & Markle New Grand Floating Palace closed its fourth season at Baton Rouge, La., Dec. 11. It was the best season we ever had, and it was the best equipped company the management has ever handled. Everybody participated in the hand and orchestra and also sang several times during the evening by the performers. The following people were in the company the past season: Marsh Devaro and wife, Warren and Toots Lamsening, the Sisters Hawes, the Sisters De Sables, Emma Le Moine, Edith Haywood, Virginia Kelsey, Frank Hoffman, Everett Oldfield and the Sprague Sisters, with Joe K. Kelly, amusement director and producer. The following were in the band and orchestra: Jim Hagen, leader, Henry Freule, Chas. Dean, Edgar Platt, Chas. Mortland, Billy Heath, Otera Moe, Oscar Pitts, Harry Moyle, Chas. Watson, Ben Younker and Geo. Smith. Mr. Markle went direct to Parkersburg, W. Va., where he has a new boat on the floating theatre on the river. Snallow & Markle have engaged Joe K. Kelly to produce two farce comedies for the two boats next season. This will make his third season with the company. Notes from the SEEMAN-MILICAN MARDI GRAS CO.—We have just closed a very successful season of forty weeks. This company is unique in the amusement world. It is neither a circus nor carnival, but a combination of both. We carry three hundred and fifty people, and our parade is a reproduction of the famous New Orleans Mardi Gras. Seeman & Millican have renewed their partnership contract for the season of 1905. The company has been incorporated in the State of Georgia as Seeman-Millican Mardi Gras Co., with the right to increase the capital to \$200,000. The company is wintering at the Exposition Building, Piedmont Park, Atlanta, Ga., where we are making preparations for the season of 1905. The executive staff will remain the same as last season: A Seeman, manager; Dr. George Grant, director general; Fred S. Millican, general superintendent; J. Cross, assistant superintendent. Our season will open in Atlanta the first week in April, under the auspices of the Associated Charities. CAPT. SIDNEY HINMAN opened his store-room show at Newark, N. J., Dec. 10, for two weeks. He reports good business with his life saving dogs. ROKEY MOORE has left the Billy Collins Co. to join the Dr. M. N. Levere Medicine Co. for the rest of the winter season, but will rejoin Mr. Collins the latter part of March. This company is playing Ohio. THE EISENBARTH-HENDERSON FLOATING THEATRE closed its season Dec. 1. The company has sold its steamer and will place a much larger and more powerful boat with the next before the opening date, April 1, 1905. Manager Eisenbath and family are spending the holiday season at their home, New Martinsville, W. Va. NOTES FROM THE HARTSTON MOVING PICTURE CO.—We opened our Canadian tour Dec. 21 to a packed house at Gananoque. We are booked solid for six months. The company consists of Chas. Heyman, manager; Frank T. Merritt, advance manager; Carl Corwin, electrician; Frank Dee, musical director; R. S. Ferguson, illustrated songs. THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE will be members of Edward White's Quaker Medicine Co. the coming year: M. T. Moran, Billy Bryant, Leon Marco, Doris White, Marie Moran, Master Teddy White, Dr. F. X. Emerson and Brother Edward. Business the past year in Washington, Oregon and Idaho was exceptionally good, we are informed. This company will open the season of 1905 in Idaho, and work Montana and Utah during the year.

## NEW YORK STATE.

Buffalo.—At the Star (P. C. Cornell, manager) Kyrie Bellew 26-31, "The Two Orphans" Jan. 2-4, John Drew 5-7, "Kidnaped in New York" 22-24. Booked: "Mrs. Mac the Mayor" 26, "Robert Fitzsimmons" in "A Fight for Love" 27, 28, "The Second Fiddle" 29, "The Child Wife" 30, 31. The Four Mortons in comedy, singing and dancing; Gardner, Vincent and George Smith, in "Winning a Queen"; Jolson, Palmer and Jolson, comedy; the Magnani Family, in "The Musical Barbers"; Griff Bros., gymnasts; Francis May, vocalist; Kennedy and Quattri, jugglers, the electrograph. NOTES.—"Baby" Marion Hand, with "Kidnaped in New York," received a large number of gifts from the members of the company. Mr. Gilmore presenting her with a diamond ring. Next year she will star in "The Little Heiress," a drama being written for her. A large number of vaudeville performers and members of the "Kidnaped in New York" Co. attended the opening of the Savoy Hotel, in this city, 22, George Downing, formerly associated with John L. Sullivan, is now its owner, and caters to the profession. Manager Montgomery, Mr. Gilmore's manager, and many of his company enjoyed a fine dinner.

Rochester.—At the Lyceum Theatre (M. F. Wolf, manager) "Savage's Parsifal" was given Dec. 23, 24, for three performances, to large and thoroughly pleased audiences. "Way Down East" 26, Mme. Schumann-Helk, in "Love's Lottery," 27, 28; Bertha Galland, in "Dorothy Vernon, of Haddon Hall," 29; Wm. Faversham, in "Letty," 30, 31. NATIONAL (Max Hurlig, manager).—Samuel Blair presented Dan McAvoy, in "His Honor, the Mayor of the Bowery," 19-21. It was a lively hodge podge of music and nonsense, presented by a capable company. Those other than the star deserving mention are: Vivian Prescott, Thos. Grimes and Fanny Sanford. The staging and light effects were excellent. Wm. H. Turner, in "David Harum," 26-28; "The Liberty Bells" 29-31. BAKER (E. E. Boyle, manager).—"Queen of the White Slaves" proved to be a thriller, playing to fair business 19-21, 22, 23 and 24. "Why Women Sin" was an exceedingly interesting story, excellently portrayed, 22-24. The company was capable and proved a most satisfactory attraction. Anne Blackie, in "A Little Outcast," 26-28; "Deserted at the Altar" 29-31. COOK OPERA HOUSE (J. H. Moore, manager).—Henry E. Dixey and company proved the leaders of an evenly balanced bill last week, the business remaining good; 24 and week the following strong bill was presented: Della Fox, Charlie Case, Watson, Hutchings and Edwards, Waterbury Bros. and Tenny, Nichols Sisters, Chas. Hera, Besnah and Miller and kinegraph. CONTINENTAL (Henry C. Jacobs, manager).—"The Kentucky Belles" played to deservedly fine business week of 10, for they gave a good show. A word is due John H. Reid and Tany. The chorus was well trained and hard working. The Luigi Bros. gave a splendid turn; 26 and week, Al. Reeves' Big Co.

COLONIAL HALL (Philip E. Hone, manager).—This is the latest addition to Rochester's amusement enterprises, and will be run as a straight refined vaudeville house, and bowling to amuse the boys of the city. Hone; matinees daily and prices always the same, viz: ten and twenty cents. For the opening week, commencing 26: Perry, Odell and Dee, comedians, present the following: The George Family, Walter M. Ebel, Alice Alva, Simmons and Hogan, Arthur E. Barrett, Perry and Dee, W. E. Brown and Ellis Sisters, the Three Ogdens, Chas. E. Grossman and the Deascope. TROY.—At the Lyceum (Burns Gilling, manager) the Snow Stock Co. did good business, in "Carmen," "The Holy City" Dec. 26-31. GRISWOLD OPERA HOUSE (M. Reis, manager).—Viola Allen, in "The Winter's Tale," had good houses 23 and matinee 24. Bertha Galland 26. RAY'S OPERA HOUSE (M. Reis, manager).—"What Women Will Do" drew good houses 22-24. "Down by the Sea" 26-28, "Kidnaped in New York" 29-31. ROYAL (W. H. Buck, manager).—Fred Irwin's Big Show drew big houses 19-21. Every Burlesquers did well 22-24. London Belles 26-28, Moonlight Maids 29-31.

Utica.—At the Majestic "Parsifal" was a big success Dec. 21. Marion Shelby, in "The Unwritten Law," did well 23, 24. Coming: "The Forbidden Land" 26, Bertha Galland 27, William Faversham 28, "The Marriage of Figaro" 29, Mme. Schumann-Helk 30, "Why Girls Go Wrong" 31, John Drew Jan. 1. ORPHEUM.—Week of 26: Pettit, the Three Keatons and Little Buster. STAR.—This house will change hands again 26 when Frances Moore, of Philadelphia, will take charge. A stock company will furnish the attractions.

## NEW JERSEY.

Trenton.—At the Taylor Opera House (Montgomery Moses, manager) Henry Miller, Dec. 17, pleased a good sized house. Chauncey Olcott, 23, had good business. Coming: "A Chinese Honeymoon" 26, "The Volunteer Organist" 27, "The Pit" Jan. 2, local 4, "At Old Point Comfort" 5, "Our New Minister" 7. STATE STREET THEATRE (Frank Shalters, manager).—"Over Niagara Falls," Dec. 19, 21, had good business. "The Way of the Transgressor" 22-24, did well. Coming: "The Sign of the Four" 26, "Fame and Fortune" 27, 28, "A Woman's Struggle" 29, "The Sign of the Cross" Jan. 2-4, "The Liberty Bells" 5-7. TRENT (Edward Renton, manager).—Good business last week. Bill for 26 and week: Emil Hoch, Rose Elton and Co., Harry Sebeck, Fred Rose, Gillette's dogs, Monroe, Mazur and Masette, Melville and Stetson, and the biograph.

Camden.—At the Camden Theatre (M. W. Taylor, manager) medium business prevailed during last week. "The Way of the Transgressor," with the wonderful acting Landseer dogs, divided the week with "Slaves of the Mine." Booked: "At Risk of His Life" 26-28, "At Cripple Creek" 29-31. NOTE.—Ned Nelson, principal comedian, and Jess Johnson, the leading juvenile of "The Bell Boy" Co., two Camden boys, are home for the Christmas holidays. They will rejoin their company on New Year's Day at Plainfield, N. J., where the new 1905 booking starts. The company is booked through the middle West.

## CONNECTICUT.

Bridgeport.—At Smith's Theatre (Edward C. Smith, manager) "The Black Mask," Dec. 19, played to fair business. "A Race for Life," 20, 21, did well, as did "Kidnaped in New York" 22-24. Booked: "Mrs. Mac the Mayor" 26, "Robert Fitzsimmons" in "A Fight for Love" 27, 28, "The Second Fiddle" 29, "The Child Wife" 30, 31. The Four Mortons in comedy, singing and dancing; Gardner, Vincent and George Smith, in "Winning a Queen"; Jolson, Palmer and Jolson, comedy; the Magnani Family, in "The Musical Barbers"; Griff Bros., gymnasts; Francis May, vocalist; Kennedy and Quattri, jugglers, the electrograph. NOTES.—"Baby" Marion Hand, with "Kidnaped in New York," received a large number of gifts from the members of the company. Mr. Gilmore presenting her with a diamond ring. Next year she will star in "The Little Heiress," a drama being written for her. A large number of vaudeville performers and members of the "Kidnaped in New York" Co. attended the opening of the Savoy Hotel, in this city, 22, George Downing, formerly associated with John L. Sullivan, is now its owner, and caters to the profession. Manager Montgomery, Mr. Gilmore's manager, and many of his company enjoyed a fine dinner.

New Haven.—At the Hyperion (Shurt Bros., managers) Edna Wallace Hopper had good returns 20. The initial performance of "In Newport," under the management of Kiaw & Erlanger, was to large houses 22-24. Due: Ida Conquest 26, 27, Louis Mann 28, Nance O'Neill 30, Southern and Marlowe 31. NEW HAVEN THEATRE (G. R. Bunnell, manager).—"Kidnaped in New York" came to good business 19-21. "A Race for Life" had good houses 22-24. Due: A Child Working Girl's Wrongs 29-31, "A Child Working Girl's Wrongs" Jan. 2-4. POLI'S (S. Z. Poli, manager).—The bill for the week of 26 includes: Dolly and Milton Nobles, Lucy Clark, Snyder and Buckley, Leonard C. King, Kelley and Ashley, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Darrow, Hathaway and Walton.

Hartford.—At Parsons' (Herbert C. Parsons, manager) The Marvelous Fays and acts in vaudeville played to fair houses. Louis Mann 26, 27, Nance O'Neill 28, 29, Southern and Marlowe 30, Ida Conquest 31. HARTFORD OPERA HOUSE (Jennings & Graves, managers).—Hartst's moving pictures drew a big house 18. "Superba" played to the biggest business since Thanksgiving week, 19-21. "A Race for Life" 26-28, "Hearts of Oak" 29-31. POLI'S (Louis C. Kibby, manager).—For week of 26: Frederick Bond and Co., McWatters-Tyson Co., Kennedy and Rooney, Olson Brothers, Charles Ernest, Potter and Hartwell, Messenger Boys' Trio and electrograph.

## CALIFORNIA.

Oakland.—At the Macdonough (Hall & Barton, managers) "Over Niagara Falls" drew moderately Dec. 12-18. "The Fatal Wedding" 22-25, West's Minstrels 26, "The Show Girl" 27, Williams & Walker 29, 30. LIBERTY PLAYS HOUSE (H. W. Bishop, manager).—Bishop's company of players drew satisfactorily in "All the Comforts of Home" week ending 18. The same company in "Held by the Enemy," 19 and week. "The Prisoner of Zenda" to follow. BELL (Ed. Homan, manager).—Features 26 and week: Tsuman's Japanese troupe of jugglers, Ted Box, Pete Dunsworth, McIntosh Sisters, Sylvester, Jones and Pringle and moving pictures. Business is large. NOVELTY (Tony Lubelski, manager).—Attractions 26 and week: The De Garros, Norman Stanley, Livingston and Montrose, the Travilios, the Four Ferns and the viatragh. S. R. O. continues. EMPIRE (E. M. Carlson, manager).—Features 26 and week: Jobson, the Military Quartet, Holmes and Holmes, Starr Sisters, Henry M. King, and motion pictures. Business is immense.

San Diego.—At the Isis (J. M. Dodge, business manager) Florence Gale, in "As You Like It," filled the house Dec. 12. "The Show Girl" 19, Black Patti 23, "The Silver Slipper" 28. DUBUQUE.—At the Grand Opera House (Wm. T. Roehl, manager) "The Royal Chef" pleased a large audience Dec. 13. Hilman's Comedy Co. 15 and week, at popular prices, fared fairly well. Coming: "Our of the Fold" 26, "San Toy" 27, "Sergeant Kitty" 29, "An American Gentleman" 30, "A Texas Steer" 31. BIJOU THEATRE (Jake Rosenthal, manager).—Good houses continue and daily vaudeville seems to please. The bill for this week includes, besides new biograph pictures: Omar, the human top; the Geromes, in statu quo; Delmore and Darrell, Phil and Carrie Russell, Mrs. Jules Levy and Family, and Gay, the handcut king.

Burlington.—At the Grand (Chamberlin, Harrington & Co., managers) "Tried for Her Life" was here Dec. 14. "Iris," with Jennie Thurlow in the title role, drew fairly well 16. Local "Pinafore" again delighted a big crowd matinee 17, Maud Steinhardt managing the youngsters in a superb manner. The Flints filled the house 19, 20. Due: "Coon Hollow" 28, Broadway Burlesquers 31, Chas. Hawtry Jan. 4, "Smart Set" 12. KENTUCKY.

Paducah.—At the Kentucky (Jas. E. English, manager) "Under Southern Skies" came Dec. 19. "The Elopers" 22, "The Midnight Flyer" 24. Coming: Sam T. Jack's Co. 29, "James Boys in Missouri" 30, "Holy Toity" 31, "The Mummy and the Humming Bird" Jan. 2, Ezra Kendall 4, Lyman Twins 5, "Looping the Loop" 6, "San Toy" 7. Lexington.—At the Grand Opera House Mme. Rejane, in "Zaza," played to a full house. "The Holy City" will be here Dec. 26. Frank Daniels 31.

MASTER WILLIE BACUM, boy cornettist and tenor vocalist, is doing nicely with the Culhane, Chace & Weston Minstrels. He has been fourteen weeks with the company.

## PENNSYLVANIA.

Lancaster.—At Fulton Opera House (Chas. A. Yecker, manager) the Murray and Mackay Comedy Co. in repertory, had very good business Dec. 19-24. Edward Blondell, in "The Lost Boy," 28; "The Girl from Kays" 27, "A Little Outcast" 29, "The Volunteer Organist" 30. ORANGE STREET OPERA HOUSE (Ed. Mozart, manager).—Attractions for week of 26 include: The Great Richards, May Kennedy, Shelly Trio, Tony Baker, Siddon Bros., Wallace Sheldon, etc.

Lancaster.—At the Fulton Opera House (I. C. Mishler, manager) the Great Baldwin drew large audiences all week of Dec. 19. Booked: R. B. Mantell 26, Adelaide Thurston 27, Daniel Sully 28, "Devil's Lane" 29, "New York Day by Day" 30, "Winsome Winsie" 31, Ward and Vokes, in "The Two Pinks," Jan. 2.

## COLORADO.

Denver.—At the Broadway (E. F. McCourt, manager) Frederick Warde and Katherine Kidder week of Dec. 26. William Morris, in "Who's Brown?" did a good business 19-24. TABOR GRAND (E. F. McCourt, manager).—"The Runaways" had packed houses week of 19. ORPHEUM (Martin Beck, general manager).—Week of 26: Webb's seals, Eleanor Falke, Channing, H. V. Fitzgerald, Pete Baker, Cliff Dean and company and Kline and Gotthold. Week of 19: Dorothy Russell, Filson and Erol, Brad Bros., Mr. and Mrs. Mark Murphy, Madge Matland, Augusta Glose, Bro. Caldera and the Kiro-drome, Big houses. NEW CURTIS (U. R. Pelton, manager).—"Just Before Dawn" week of 26. Jas. J. Jeffries, in "Davy Crockett," played to S. R. O. 19-24. NOVELTY (Henry Lubelski, manager).—Week of 26: Mardo, Frank Emerson, Lizzie Weller, Mons. Herbert, Adolce Sisters and the Lays. Week of 19: Rube Sims, Chas. Royal, Waldo and De Vere, the Cliffords, Frank Perry, Prof. Bleyek and trained seals and the Randolphs. Business good.

## KANSAS.

Wichita.—At the Crawford (E. L. Martling, manager) "Dora Thorne," Dec. 17, had good business. "The Wizard of Oz" turned them away 21. Kaffir Boy Choir came 22. LYRIC (Harry Lewis, proprietor).—Big business here, with six vaudeville acts, for ten cents admission. GEORGE C. TYLER RETURNS FROM ABROAD. George C. Tyler returned from Europe last week, and announced: "I secured a promise from George Bernard Shaw to come to New York when Arnold Daly makes his first appearance in 'John Bull's Other Island,' and he will likely arrange to give a half dozen lectures while here. 'I am pleased over a starring contract made with Ellis Jeffreys, who will make her New York appearance in the Spring in the adaptation of 'The Prince of Hohenheim' by Gordon Lennox. Miss Jeffreys will bring with her a complete English company. Mme. Fred Gresac, the author of 'La Passerelle,' has sold me the rights of the new play, which she has written for the Haymarket Co., having a role specially intended for Miss Jeffreys. I have also arranged with Alfred Sutro, author of 'The Walls of Jericho,' to write a play for Miss Jeffreys. 'I have brought back with me the complete manuscript of Hall Caine's new play, 'The Prodigal Son,' to be presented in September."

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

WE HAVE RECEIVED CHRISTMAS GREETINGS, many of which are attractive cards, from the following members of the theatrical profession: Warren Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Burch, Harry M. Ashley, Herbert Swift, Mr. and Mrs. Alf. Meers, Ben Dunham, Adelaide Herrmann, Edie Leslie, Mlle. Carrie Marshall (the mystic), Imhoff, Conn and Corinas, the Great Marinellas, Keely and Adams, the Middletons, the Valdings, Clara Mathes, Carroll and Clarke, Julie Delmar, Meany and Anderson, William B. Allen, Henri French, Koster and Allen, Sidney Ridge, Cushman and St. Claire, Chas. T. Aldrich, J. T. Arnold, P. Richards, Chas. F. Seamon, William Collier, Dick and Alice McAvoy, Robbins (cyclist), Ed. F. Reynard, the Tossing Austins, Swan and Bamard, Gallagher and Held, Richard Pirtot, Mr. and Mrs. Ian Lockhart, Howard Bros., L. T. Wolking, McFarland and Murray, Sisters Macarte, Alice Philbrooks and Sidney Reynolds, Gerald Fitz Gerald, Chester A. Hawkes, Belcher's Comedians, Capt. W. D. Ament.

## DEATHS IN THE PROFESSION.

COL. THOMAS A. EDWARDS, a well known showman, died at his home in Corty, Pa., Dec. 23, aged seventy-three years. He was born in Ulster Co., N. Y., July 21, 1832, and embarked in the show business in 1849, his first venture being as business manager for Spaulding & Rogers' Circus and Caravan and also for Spaulding & Rogers' Mammoth Boat Shows, which position he held until 1857. In 1858 he presented the Spaulding & Rogers Circus at Niblo's Garden for a short season, and in the Spring of '57 he resigned to join the expedition under General Albert Sidney Johnson against the Mormons as scout and despatch bearer. He served with great credit through the Civil War and afterwards as a scout and Indian fighter. In 1872 Col. Edwards toured the country with Donald McKay and a band of Warm Spring Indians in the Indian war drama, entitled "Donald McKay, the Hero of the Lava Beds," closing at the Bowers Theatre. In 1874 he went to Europe with the band of Warm Spring Indians and scouts, under the command of Donald McKay. He returned in 1876 to the United States to open with his band at the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia. In the Fall of '78 Colonel Edwards organized an Indian medicine company, taking in partnership Donald McKay, and Kilt Carson, under the title of the Oregon Indian Medicine Co., which he managed until his death. He has had as high as forty to fifty companies out at one time. He was manager of a theatre in Buffalo and also of the Mascot, in Erie, Pa., for two seasons. Colonel Edwards was a charter member of Erie Lodge of Elks, under whose auspices the funeral services were held in Corty.



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his came a number of cannon balls, which, striking the curve in the runway, were thrown high in the air. Conchas allowed them to hit him, one after another, in the spot where the average citizen buttons the back part of his collar. The performance, taken as a whole, was one of the most remarkable ever seen in this city, and it was received with great enthusiasm at every performance. Conchas' helper is a good comedian, and raised many a hearty laugh during the act.—THE N. Y. DRAMATIC MIRROR.

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DOROTHY RUSSELL, daughter of Lillian Russell, who is ill at St. Luke's Hospital, Denver, Colo., with bronchial pneumonia, is expected to rapidly recover.

MABEL CLEVELAND (Mrs. Edward J. Parker), who underwent a surgical operation in Boston, has fully recovered, and is resting at her home in Taunton, Mass.

JOHN R. HARRIS, who is rehearsing a new comedy sketch, written for them by Arthur L. Robb, entitled "Saved by Satan," and claim it is the best vehicle they have ever had, as it is so full of comedy with admirably full use of new, bright comedy material.

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MANAGER ROBT. D. HYDE writes: "The York Theatre, N. Y., will close a vaudeville season, Saturday, Jan. 23, at 10 o'clock. It has been a good one, but the skating season is now coming on, and the opposition will be so strong I thought it advisable to close tonight. The season is going to open a Summer season in June."

MANAGER JAMES LOWERY and his wife (Nellie Hanley) were in New York this week to attend the funeral of Mrs. Lowery, who died at her home, 224 E. 22d St., N. Y. City, Jan. 22.

EDWARD PARKER informs us that he has joined Fields & Hanson's Minstrels.

A BABY BOY was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Linton, at Columbus, O., Dec. 17. Mr. Linton is professionally known as Anita Laurence, of the Laurence Sisters.

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## World of Players.

—Ola Jane Humphrey has been engaged by Mortimer Snow to play the two opening weeks with his new stock company at Scranton, Pa., evening of Christmas Day. She will be featured in "The Christian" and "The Cowboy and the Lady," in which parts she has been successful with the Nordland Humphrey Co. Her vaudeville tour has been postponed until after the holidays to allow her to fill this engagement.

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## NEW YORK CITY.

**Review and Comment.**—The week before Christmas is always dreaded by the average theatrical manager, and last week showed the usual falling off in attendance at the local houses, with a few notable exceptions, where big business ruled. This week will reverse the order of things and big business is confidently expected by our managers. At the CRITERION THEATRE, Dec. 19, "A Wife Without a Smile," a comedy, in three acts, by A. W. Pinero, was given its first American production. It failed to find favor. . . . Other Monday night openings were: At the PRINCESS THEATRE Robert B. Mantell appeared in "Richieu," at the FOURTEENTH STREET THEATRE Andrew Mack revived "Tom Moore," at the THIRD AVENUE THEATRE "At Risk of His Life," and at the IRVING PLACE THEATRE a revival of "Sodom's Ende." At the last named house, Thursday night, 22, Gerhart Hauptmann's "Die Versunkene Glocke" ("The Sunken Bell") was revived. . . . At the MADISON SQUARE GARDEN an exhibition, entitled the Pike, was opened Monday, and drew good attendance throughout the week. . . . At the NEW AMSTERDAM THEATRE, on Friday afternoon, 23, Eleanor Robson gave a special matinee performance of "Merely Mary Ann," having just returned from her successful engagement in London, Eng. . . . At the CASINO, Saturday, 24, Lillian Russell and company gave the first New York City presentation of "Lady Teazle," a two act comic opera, book by John Kendrick Bangs and Roderic Penfield, and music by A. Baldwin Sloane. A review of the work, which is founded on "School for Scandal," will be found elsewhere in this issue. . . . The continued attractions for the week ending Dec. 24 were: Annie Russell at the GARRICK, "It Happened in Nardland" at the LEW FIELDS, James K. Hackett at the LYRIC, Charles Wyndham at the NEW LYCEUM, "Humpty-Dumpty" at the NEW AMSTERDAM, Ethel Barrymore at the HUDSON, "Higgledy-Piggledy" at the WEBER MUSIC HALL, May Irwin at the BIJOU, "The Shotgun" at WALLACK'S, David Warfield at BELASCO'S, "The College Widow" at the GARDEN, Mrs. Fiske and stock company at the MANHATTAN, "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" at the SAVOY, the German Stock Co. at the IRVING PLACE, "The Wizard of Oz" at the ACADEMY OF MUSIC, Robert B. Mantell at the PRINCESS, Nat C. Goodwin at the KNICKERBOCKER, John Drew at the EMPIRE, Edna May at the HERALD SQUARE, "Woodland" at the NEW YORK, George Cohan at the LIBERTY, Bertha Gaudin at the MAJESTIC, the Rays at the AMERICAN, and Andrew Mack at the FOURTEENTH STREET, the nine last named closing on that date. At PROCTOR'S FIFTH AVENUE AND ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH STREET THEATRES stock productions, with vaudeville between acts, continued. . . . The one week stands closing 24 were: "At Risk of His Life" at the THIRD AVENUE, "Why Girls Leave Home" at the WINDSOR, "The Female Detective" at the GRAND OPERA HOUSE, Henry Miller at the HARLEM OPERA HOUSE, "The Sign of the Four" at the WEST END, "Tracked Around the World" at the METROPOLIS, "Uncle Tom's Cabin" at the STAR, and "Down by the Sea" at the OLYMPIC. . . . Variety entertainment was furnished at the VICTORIA, the YORKVILLE, the CIRCLE, KRITH'S UNION SQUARE, PROCTOR'S TWENTY-THIRD STREET, TONY PASTOR'S, PROCTOR'S FIFTY-EIGHTH STREET, the LONDON, the DEWEY, MINER'S EIGHTH AVENUE, MINER'S BOWERY, HURST & SEAMON'S and the GOTHAM. AT HUBER'S MUSEUM the usual long list of curios and vaudeville was offered. . . . For the week ending Dec. 21 (fifth) the bills at the METROPOLITAN OPERA HOUSE were: Monday night, 19, "La Traviata," with the following cast: Violetta, Mme. Sembrich; Annina, Mme. Bauermeister; Flora Bervoise, Mme. Jacoby; Alfredo, Mr. Caruso; Giorgio Germont, Mr. Scotti; Barone Duphol, Mr. Bars; Dottore Grenvill, Mr. Begue; Marchese d'Obigny, Mr. Dufrieche; Gastone, Mr. Giordani. Arturo Vigna conducted. Wednesday night, 21, "Rigoletto" was thus cast: Gilda, Mme. Sembrich; Maddalena, Mme. Louise Homer; Giovanni, Miss Bauermeister; La Contessa, Mme. Helen Mapleson; Un Paggio, Miss Elliot; Il Duca, Mr. Caruso; Rigoletto, Mr. Giordani; Sparafucile, Mr. Journet; Montecarlo, Mr. Muhlmann; Marullo, Mr. Begue; Borsa, Mr. Giordani; Ceprano, Mr. Greder; Usciere, Mr. Fanelli. Arturo Vigna conducted. It was the first performance of the season of "Rigoletto." Mme. Melba was to have sung the role of Gilda, but owing to her indisposition Mme. Sembrich took her place. Eugenio Giraldoni sang the title role for his first time in America, and Adolph Muhlmann was heard for the first time in this city as Monterone. Thursday, 22, "Parsifal" was given its last evening performance this season. Mme. Nordica sang the role of Kundry, and Andreas Dippel made his first appearance this season in Parsifal. Marcel Journet was the Gurnemanz, Anton Van Rooy was the Amfortas, and Adolph Muhlmann was the Titurel. Friday night, 23, "Faust" was given for the first time this season, with this cast: Marguerite, Mme. Emma Pames; Siebel, Mme. Jacoby; Marthe, Miss Bauermeister; Faust, Mr. Saleza; Melphosphores, Pol Piancon; Valentin, Mr. Giraldoni; Wagner, Mr. Begue. It was Eugenio Giraldoni's first American appearance as Valentin. Nathan Franko conducted. Saturday matinee, 24, "L'Elisir d'Amore" was given, with this cast: Adina, Mme. Sembrich; Giannetto, Miss Mulford; Nemorino, Mr. Caruso; Belcore, Mr. Scotti; Dulcamara, Mr. Rossi. Arturo Vigna conducted. Saturday night, 24, the bill was "Fidelio," with the following cast: Fidelio, Mme. Senger-Bettaque; Marcelline, Bella Alten; Florestan, Mr. Dippel; Pizarro, Mr. Goritz; Rocco, Mr. Blass; Jacquino, Mr. Reiss; Der Minister, Mr. Muhlmann. Alfred Hertz conducted. It was the first performances of these operas this season.

**Proctor's Fifth Avenue Theatre** (J. Austin Fynes, general manager).—This week's revival by the stock company, Edwin Arden did his usual forceful work as Captain Shields, on Dec. 23, and Beatrice Morgan played the leading female role with great credit. Sydney Ayres, Marion Berg, Gerald Griffin, George Howell and Gertrude Berkeley won special distinction in the support. The cast: Captain Willard Shields, Edwin Arden; South Carolina Jim, Edwin Fowler; Major Genaro Mendoza, Sydney Ayres; Major Irwin, Marion Berg; Griffin, Sergeant Tatters, George Howell; Sentinel O'Brien, Arthur Shaw; Jovita Talamanca, Beatrice Morgan; Luerita Bugg, Marion Berg; Mrs. Trigg, Gertrude Berkeley. In the vaudeville were Powell's electric theatre, a beautifully set act of mannikin, and a vaudeville act, the Three Valdares, in their great "cycling act," with new and daring feats added, all cleverly executed; Lloyd's dogs, in some away-from-the-ordinary tricks, which scored big; Mozart, in a fine musical specialty; La Belle Blanche, an impersonator of well known players; Zimmer, the "up-side-down" juggler; the Blodgett Sisters, singers and dancers; Ray Cox, singing comedienne; Deleahanty and Hackett, with illustrated songs, and the motion pictures.

**Casino** (Sam S. & Lee Shubert, managers).—Lillian Russell made her New York re-entry as a star, evening of Dec. 24, in "Lady Teazle," a two act musical version of Sheridan's comedy, "School for Scandal," in which she appeared to greater advantage than in any of her starring ventures during the past decade. Her metropolitan introduction under the Shubert banners, which was signalled on the above date, resulted in a complete personal triumph, equalled only by the success of the piece itself, which proved a wonderful rare in the history of the class. Our music lovers whose tastes run to the high class in their entertainment are given a double treat in this offering, which combines a well told and interesting story—of more body than is the usual order in musical plays—with some of the most beautiful and concerted numbers, the opening night encores of which proved a delight, and not a bore, as is too often the case. The book of the piece is by John Kendrick Bangs and Roderic C. Penfield, and the music was composed by A. Baldwin Sloane. The initial production being given at the Academy of Music, Baltimore, Md., on Dec. 19. The authors have adhered closely to the scenes of Sheridan's play, the famous auctioning of the family paintings and the great screen scene being given as we have been accustomed to seeing them, but with musical dressing in this instance. Mr. Sloane's music was as a rule so good that he may readily be excused for carrying, at times, the memory back to other operatic scores in a few of his numbers. Upon Miss Russell, however, honors were fairly showered and beyond question she was deserving of them. She looked younger by a number of years than she did when New Yorkers had their last stage glimpse of her, and she disclosed acting powers which few have given her the credit of possessing. Her work in the scene giving keen delight. Her singing, too, was generally satisfactory. Van Rensselaer Wheeler sang well, particularly in the auction scene, and his acting was fully as good as his vocal efforts. Stanley Hawkins, however, made the singing success of the evening with his clear, sweet voice and remarkably fine enunciation, and his playing as Joseph Surface was natural and convincing. Elsa Ryan won a big triumph for her dainty, ingenious rendering of the song, "In Dear Old Grandmother's Day," and her role received a charming impersonation. John Dunsmore was very well liked for his singing, and Lucille Saunders also scored heavily for her vocal efforts. Sir Peter Teazle was capably played by W. F. Carson, and Sir Oliver Surface, by Sir Oliver Surface, Clarence Handysides; Sir Benjamin Backbite, Augustus Barrett; Sir Harry Bumper, Jack Taylor; Joseph Surface, Stanley Hawkins; Charles Surface, Van Rensselaer Wheeler; Crabtree, Owen Westford; Careless, Albert Westford; Lawrence, Lawrence; Snake, John Dunsmore; Trip, Joseph's servant, Albert McGuckin; Mrs. Candour, Phoebe Coyne; Maria, Elsa Ryan; Mollie, Nellie McCoy; Lady Sneerwell, Lucille Saunders; Lady Teazle, Lillian Russell.

**Circle Theatre** (Percy G. Williams, manager).—Manager Williams is presenting his patrons this week with one of his best offerings in the way of a carefully prepared programme of vaudeville specialists, capably suited to the holiday season. At both shows on Monday, Dec. 26, the bijou theatre was crowded with patrons, who enjoyed the excellent bill to the full. Particularly well come and appreciated was this time the magical act of Howard Thurston. With a stage setting of mystical splendor and the truly Eastern atmosphere which seemed to exist, Mr. Thurston performed seemingly impossible feats of legerdemain and illusion, of his own creation, which fairly surprised his audiences. The splendid bill also includes the Kaufman Troupe, eight in number, who do the most surprising feats of "cyclo riding" with such unique grace and facility as to almost defy belief. In each act a member of the bill; Carlton May and Edna May Hall appeared in a clever playlet, entitled "A Timely Awakening," with marked favor. Press Eldridge scored his usual happy success in his original monologue, his new songs being particularly strong as they are sung by no one but himself; the Three Crane Bros. kept the audience in roars of laughter during their entire act; Norah Bayes sang sweetly; Harper, Desmond and Bailey (their debut here) proved to be a trio of clever singers and dancers; Francis Greder also a debut here, appeared in a gymnastic novelty; the Three Barretts, expert jugglers; and the American Vitagraph.

**Third Avenue Theatre** (Martin J. Dixon, manager).—Lincoln J. Carter's production, entitled "Too Proud to Beg," was the holiday bill 26 and week. The play was cast as follows: John Carr, Fred Eckhart; Inspector Sharp, A. B. Lynds; Mark Lusk, the Spider, W. M. Sheldon; Myers, Chas. H. Gardner; Veders, Lewis Chevalier; Isaac Blum, Jake Simons; Pedro, James White; Willie Carr, Arthur Boylan; Vera Carr, Mildred Boylan; Spike, Clarence Dull; Billings, W. J. Cummings; Dawson, Jack Mason; Police, Cal Spencer; Nellie Carr, Mary Servos; Bridget O'Rook, Nellie Fillmore; Maud Quigley, Estrella Vincent; Edna, Edna Boylan. Next week, "Escaped from Sing Sing."

**Weber Music Hall** (Weber & Ziegfeld, managers).—"Higgledy-Piggledy" started its tenth week Dec. 26. Marie Dressler was again obliged to be absent from the cast at both performances 26, returning 21. Edith Meyer again playing her part. Anna Angles, who was also out of the cast, returned at the matinee 20. "The College of Widows," a burlesque on "The College Widow," is being rehearsed for presentation Jan. 2. This will be followed soon by a travesty on "Leah Kleschna."

**Proctor's Fifty-eighth Street Theatre** (J. Austin Fynes, general manager).—At this house Kirke La Shelle presents "Checkers," which was new to the patrons of Manager Proctor's uptown theatre, and though a holiday audience was to be expected, still the crowd that filled the auditorium to its capacity was typical of an East side army of holiday seekers. "Checkers" having been seen before in New York, the cast is appended as a matter of record: Edward Campbell, Thomas W. Ross; "Push" Miller, David Abraham Jr.; Judge Hardin, W. T. Clark; "Uncle Jerry" Hatter, Charles Willard; Murray Jameson, Howard Smith; Arthur Kendall, Wallace Worsley; Adoniram Barlow, Joseph Wilkes; the General, Claude H. Cooper; the Major, Giles R. Warren; the Colonel, Richard Lee; George Morris; "Chick" Allen, H. Simons; Rufe, Arthur W. Owen; Rastus, William Foran; Philip Kendall, A. H. Symmons; Bud Breckenridge, Claude H. Cooper; H. P. Prendergast, Richard Lee; Lem Stevens, Giles R. Warren; "Toke," George Merritt; Jim Brown, A. H. Symmons; "Splint" Egan, Arthur W. Owen; Barney O'Brien, James C. Shannon; Captain Tilton, G. R. Warren; Ed. Rines, Frank McCoy; Hank Winter, Richard Lee; Official Call, J. C. Shannon; Simpkins, Richard Lee; Kate Barlow, Katharine Mulkins; Sadie Martin, Harriet Worthington; Cynthia, Lydia Dickson; Aunt Deb, Ella Sothern; Mrs. Watson, Margaret Smith; Mrs. Long, Ethel Power; Gertrude Neville, Clara Armstrong; Clara Esmond, Lydia Dickson. This bill with its present cast, continues for two weeks, after which a contingent of the Proctor Stock Co. will present "Thelma." Sunday's concerts attracted the usual large paying crowds 25.

**Liberty Theatre** (Klaw & Erlanger, managers).—A typical holiday audience cordially welcomed the Klaw & Erlanger Comedy Co. evening of Dec. 26, in John J. McNally's latest musical play, entitled "In Newport," a lot of nonsense, in three acts, with lyrics and music by Cole and Johnson. First presented in New Haven Dec. 22. It received the stamp of approval which was more thoroughly sealed in the big city. The plot there is little, being merely the story of the efforts of Albert Pinchinton to secure two packets of letters from Florette, a French maid, who has stolen them, one each, from John Bankwell and his wife. Of course the correspondence is not such as either could wish the other to know of. From this thread hangs a lot of songs, dances and rapid fire jokes. Truth compels the statement that, divested of the services of Fay Templeton, Peter Dalley, Virginia Earle and Joseph Coyne, the performance would fall considerably below the standard of success given it. Fay Templeton, as Florette, was, as always, gracious, charming, insinuating, alluring and *risque*—just a shade. She never worked better nor seemed more lovely. Her Arab costume was one of the most gorgeous affairs seen in years, and she surprised many in her appearance in male attire. Peter Dalley, as Albert, was himself, and that covers a multitude of sins and remarks; he is as stirring and heroic as the most of the happy while on the stage. Joseph Coyne received by far the most demonstrative welcome of the jolly quartette, and again proved his right to be called an adept in English chumple parts. His monologue song was a decided success, owing entirely to his personality and clever handling of it. Virginia Earle, looking prettier and daintier than ever, sang and acted herself deep in the hearts of her auditors, and wore some stunning gowns. The other members of the cast were fully competent, and the show was well drilled. The three settings were very handsome, and the costumes were fine. Of the songs, the successes of which were in every instance due to the efforts of the singers, "Don't Go Too Darn Nutsy," "Night" (Miss Earle and Mr. Coyne), "When I Am Chief of Police" (Mr. Dalley), "Nobody But You" (Miss Templeton and Mr. Coyne) and "Peggy is a New Yorker Now" were eminently successful. The *piece de resistance*, however, was the "Zel Zee Zee" song, which was sung with no more striking effect has been seen in many a day. Success is spelled large for the play. A special word of praise is due Herbert Gresham and Ned Wayburn for their clever handling of the ensembles. The cast in full: Peter Pinchinton, Peter F. Dalley; Percy Van Alstyne, Joseph Coyne; John Bankwell, Lee Harrison; Neil Nelson, Charles F. MacDonald; Burton, Alfred Fisher; Harvey Hawes, Louise Kelso; Jim Pross, Frank Todd; Virginia Earle, Mr. Coyne; Sadie Martin, Edith Barrett; Edith Yorkington; Belle Martelle, Sue Stuart; Maizie Mason, Lillian Hudson; Lillian Balkwell, Elphie Snowden; Piano Girl, Florence Brennan; May, Alice Palmer; Fay, Irene Palmer; Daisy, Peggy Lawton; Mollie, Gussie Bennett; Carrie, Mildred Claire; Lorette, Edith Milward; and Mlle. Florette, Fay Templeton.

**Broadway Theatre** (A. W. Dugwall, manager).—After one week of darkness, during which Fritz Schaff and her company laid off for rehearsals, this house was reopened Monday night, Dec. 26, with the resumption of Mme. Schaff's engagement. The bill chosen was Franz Von Suppe's three act comic opera, entitled "Fatinitza," in which the fair star played the title role. It has been a number of years since this pleasing work has been presented in this city, and never has it been more admirably presented than in the present performance. Mme. Schaff, who has established herself in public favor, a just reward for her excellent work, but she has never had so good an opportunity as that which "Fatinitza" offers her. Never has she been more convincing, and the audience of the appearance gave her hearty applause in the extreme. She made a pretty figure in the jaunty costume of the young Russian lieutenant, and there is little doubt that her pleasing personality will lend new life and popularity to the part, was good as music. The chorus as the gruff old general, and Louis Harrison's humor found good vent in the role of Izzett Pasha. Richie Ling was excellent as the American war correspondent, and Campbell Donald, except for an inclination to overact the part, was good as Mustapha. The others did well. As to the production Manager Charles B. Dillingham has given his star a handsome setting. The work is elaborately staged, the winter scene of act one (which is a triumph of the scene painters' art) being especially well done. The chorus is well drilled and includes many pretty girls, who sing well. The cast in full: Lieutenant Vladimir (Fatinitza), Fritz Schaff; General Kantchukoff, Albert Hart; Princess Lydia, Elaine De Sellem; Izzett Pasha, Louis Harrison; Julia Sinclair, Richie Ling; Sergeant Steppan, Arthur Cunningham; Hassan Bey, Otto Weddemeyer; Mustapha, Campbell Donald; Captain Vassili, F. M. Boyd; Lieutenant Ossip, Henry Coote; Valika, A. Barbara; Hanna, Mabel Allen; Dimitri, Fredor; Edor, Louise Le Baron; Ivan, Ada Meade; Casimir, Ida Niles; Gregor, Bertha Holly; Michel, Grace Spencer; Marshalsdsh, Josephine Bartlett; Mursidhan, Ida Hawley; Diana, Louise Le Baron; Zuhila, Ida Niles; Besika, Ada Meade; Odalique, May McCoy.

**Victoria Theatre** (Oscar Hammerstein, manager).—The bill for week of Dec. 26 includes: Horse show, Staley and Birbeck, Rose Stahl and company, Chas. Burke and Grace La Rhue, Fred Nible and Yorke and Adams.

**Savoy Theatre** (Frank McKee, manager).—"Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," commenced its seventeenth week Dec. 26.

**Proctor's Twenty-third Street Theatre** (J. Austin Fynes, general manager).—The holiday crowds at this house on Dec. 26 were enormous, and generous applause was given a big bill. George Fuller Golden headed it, and needless to say his talk was voted highly entertaining. The Piccadilly Girls, from "The Royal Chef," made their New York vaudeville debut on that date, and their dancing won needs to great number. Holcomb, Curtis and Webb's latest offering, "The Botany Class," went even better than when it was last shown at a city house, and Rosa Naynon's cockatoos, in an act which is a heavy winner from every point of view, scored highly. Sparrow's old juggling unusually clever and entertaining, never seemed to go better, while Wilkes, Alexander and Johnson, colored comedians, made things lively and interesting during their time on view. Les Olophas, in a capital musical specialty, won immediate favor, and others on the bill were: Mitchell and Marron, in their more than ordinarily bright act; Helen Scholder, a young girl who exhibits remarkable skill as a cellist; Curtis and Adams, German comedians; Carmen Sisters, banjoists, Lew Welch, Hebrew impersonator, and O'Donnell Brothers, in "Casey's Visit." The motion pictures continue.

**American Theatre** (Klaw, Erlanger & Weiss, managers).—A warm welcome was extended to a drama, new to this city, on Dec. 26, entitled "Shadows on the Hearth." It is from the pen of Louis Egan, and was first produced at the Opera House, Holyoke, Mass., Nov. 21, of this year. The story of Mr. Egan's drama has appeared in these columns. Manager Arthur C. Aiston controls its destiny, and he has selected it as a vehicle to exploit the talents of James M. Brophy as leading man, and has selected a capable company for his support. The drama met with the warm approval of the large audience of Monday, and as the story in its unfolding reveals the complete triumph and vindication of a woman suspected of wrong doing, there was never a moment of doubt regarding its successful appeal along those lines, with an American audience as its censors. Mr. Brophy was entirely capable, whether as Tom Eaton, the mill hand, or when returning as a major from the war. In the opening scenes he was in the case in the role, and in the later scenes, requiring force, pathos and intensity, he fully met every requirement of the lines and situations. The drama is prettily staged, and Manager Aiston has a capable company to interpret Mr. Egan's drama, which is produced here under the direction of Estha Williams. The cast: Tom Eaton, James M. Brophy; George Berick, John J. Pierson; Rev. Arthur Irving, Ben S. Meers; Fred Vaughan, Thos. H. Ince; Corporal Berick, Maurice Hedges; Anos Pollock, Percy Plunkett; Hungry Jasper, Charles Avery; Ned Berick, J. Frank Gibbons; Henry Berick, Will Emerson; Jack Holloway, Frank Macklin; Bill Bartlett, William J. Mason; Deacon Burns, Frank Gibbons; Kate Berick, Gertrude C. Dalley; Ned Berick, Adeline Mann; Maria Berick, Rita Harlan; Mrs. Pollock, Annie Mortimer; Mrs. Eaton, Elizabeth Morgan, Moll McManus, Louise Valentine. Business staff: Arthur C. Aiston, proprietor and manager; George S. Abbott, business manager; John J. Pierson, stage manager; Charles Devlin, carpenter; Harry Abbott, property man. Next week, "Me, Him and I."

**Irving Place Theatre.**—Manager Conrad revived "Die Versunkene Glocke" ("The Sunken Bell") Thursday evening, Dec. 22, with a splendid production. Hedwig Von Ostermann was excellent as Rautendeinle. Others in the cast were: Heinrich, Paul Hagemann; Magda, Margarethe Ruhnokor; Kinder beider, Clara Kost and Olga Bodenbauer; Der Pfarrer, Otto Meyer; Der Schulmeister, Hermann Gerold; Der Barbier, Willy Frey; Die Nachbarn, Marie V. Wegern; Die alte Wittichen, Elisabeth Arians; Der Nickelmann, Heinrich Marlow; Ein Waldschrat, August Meyer-Eigen; Erste Elfe, Magda Normann; Zweite Elfe, Felizitas Rudolph; Dritte Elfe, Rosa Roscoe; Vierte Elfe, Magda Bodenbauer.

**Dewey Theatre** (Sullivan & Kraus, managers).—Fred Irwin's new Majestic Burlesque Co. started the week Monday, Dec. 26, to two packed houses, and the show gave the best of satisfaction. Two burlesques were given, both of which were presented by very competent casts. There were no dull moments while the show was in progress. Both burlesques were extremely well staged. The first is entitled "In the Tonderloin," in which the following take part: Mike Nancy, Larry McCall; Myer Electric, Gus Fay; Uncle Hiram, T. J. Farro Jr.; Dick Doem, Rich Anderson; John Reilly, Billy Noble; Willie Tinsel, Belle Willott; Oussie Spangle, Marie Barrison; Dollie Dimples, Maude Harvey; Jaunta Mann, Evelyn Walker; Tonderloin Liz, Ray Walcott; Kitty Moody, Sarah Nade; Eda Goodridge; Jessie Mine, Harriette Belmont; Hester Elie, Mamie Mitchell; Annie Matton, Ethel Ross; Milla Tary, Gertrude Bellatzer; Ella Punt, Lila Bellatzer; Callie Shenics, Martha Bellatzer; Polly Cobb, Francesa Bellatzer; Meta Orie, Edith Bellatzer. In the latter which was given between the burlesques, the following were seen to advantage: Harvey and Walker, singers; Anderson and Wallace, in a clever sketch, called "Professional Life," the Bellatzer Sisters, gymnasts, and Farrington and Fay, German comedians. The show closed with "For Girls Only," and again the services of the whole company were enlisted. Wm. Morrison is musical director; Jake Johnson, electrician; Gus Fay, stage manager, and Mme. De Young, wardrobe mistress. Next week, Bon Ton Burlesques.

**London Theatre** (James H. Curtin, manager).—The Knickerbocker Burlesquers had excellent houses 26, but the matinee performance was given with the house scenery, as the sets for the show were delayed en route from Boston. They arrived on time for the evening show. "Riley's Speech," with Frank Finney as Riley, was a big laugh producer. The Musical Babies, and the Church City Quartet's imitations were acceptable interpolations. "The Escaped Lunatic" film was applauded between the acts. Act 2 introduced "La Danse de Surprise," a beautiful ballet; Frank Finney, with parodies of funny calbire, and the Jewel Ballet, another showy display of terpsichore. Next week, the Thorougbreds.

**Miner's Eighth Avenue Theatre** (Edwin D. Miner, manager).—Fulton's Jolly Grass Widows appeared matinee of Dec. 26 in a nonsensical bill of fare served up in courses to suit their listeners, who received them as only a burlesque hungry holiday crowd can. That the performance was a credit to the management goes without saying, and from certain to certain it was a feast of laughter and a flow of generous, spontaneous applause. Praise universal for the fairest method, for otherwise one would simply have to mention every individual and include the scenery, costumes, music and effects. The two performances were a happy opening and closing to a holiday show.

**Yorkville Theatre** (Meyer R. Binberg, manager).—This house was granted its full share of holiday patronage, the special matinee of Monday, Dec. 26, drawing a big crowd. Announcements for this week are: Stuart, the "Male Partit"; Bailey and Madison, Brown, Harris and Brown, the Musical Craigs and Polk and Tresk.

**New York Theatre** (Klaw & Erlanger, managers).—"Home Folks," a four act comedy drama, by C. T. Dazey, was given its first New York hearing matinee of Dec. 26, its initial production having been given at the Walnut Street Theatre, Philadelphia, Dec. 12. It inaugurated at the New York the new scale of prices, and henceforth the best orchestra seats will be sold at one dollar, with the scale graded accordingly. A good sized audience sat in judgment upon the play at the opening matinee, and plainly showed by their interest, laughter and applause, that Mr. Dazey has again struck just the right thing in his concoction of thrilling scenes, good comedy and generous features. These scenes, in any way, are numerous and most entertaining, and include a number of natural pranks by barefooted boys, a swim in real water by these same youngsters, who disport themselves to their own evident enjoyment and the audience's delight in the "swimming hole," and a big picnic, with a stern wheel steamboat in action, and all kinds of games by the children at the grove. There was so much of natural fun and freedom about the pictures of romping child fun and homely country life by the older "folks" that the illusion was perfect in many of the scenes, and the story of the play was quite a thing apart, so far as the concern of the audience counted. This story, however, was most intense in its thrilling developments, John Selby, an Illinois farmer, risking his reputation and his life in the defence of young Walter Clayton, who has escaped from Dan Kintrell's gang of desperados, and is hidden in John's house. Ruth Clayton, Walter's sister, is loved by John, who naturally exhausts every means within his power to save the brother. He outwits a gang of lynchmen who have been erroneously led to believe by Paul Niles, a no-account suitor for the hand of Ruth, that Walter is a horse thief, and finally makes it possible for Walter to leave the country. John then traps Paul and Dan Kintrell, proving the former to be the real thief and spy, thus clearing Walter's name of all suspicion. The final curtain leaves the path smooth for John and Ruth to tread it straight to the altar, and Walter's little sweetheart, a reformed girl, who has formerly been in the Kintrell gang, is also lifted to a better life with marriage bells as a not far distant probability. The stage management was remarkably good, and E. W. Presbrey, who had that department in charge, may well feel proud of his work. A large number of boys and girls being handled cleverly in many big scenes where the stage was crowded with people. The verdict of the audience at the opening performance was distinctly favorable, and if the work receives its just deserts it will remain in this city for the rest of the season. William Ingersoll played John Selby with quiet forcefulness, and Crystal Herne was demure and decidedly charming as Ruth. Julie Herne made an especially attractive figure as the uncouth and unkempt girl of Kintrell's gang, acting with marked ability. Thomas A. Wise made a comedy success of his role, and Arthur Saunders, whose crabbed old man was a clever bit; Samuel Reed and Charles Stedman all scored big successes in character roles. The role of the villain was excellently handled by Dan Kintrell, the youthful Walter was played with ability by Walter Thomas. Frances Stevens gave to the character of Polly, the hired girl, distinctive marks of skillfulness, and Ida Waterman won a success as John's mother. The children's roles were played by Sammie Jack Ryan, as Bert, and Howard Sloan, as Bud, deserve special mention, because they were good beyond the usual as boys just well into their teens. The cast: John Selby, William Ingersoll; Joe Hawkins, Thomas A. Wise; Sammie Jack Ryan, Sammie Reed; Old Mat Niles, Arthur Sanders; Si Heckle, Charles Stedman; Paul Niles, W. S. Hart; Walter Clayton, Walter Thomas; Dan Kintrell, Charles Lamb; Lem Brown, Charles Mason; Hank Hoskins, Morton McKim; Ned Hopkins, Fred Johnson; Crystal Herne, Howard Sloan; Ruth Clayton, Crystal Herne; Mrs. Martha Selby, Ida Waterman; Sis Durkee, Julia Herne; Polly Hopkins, Frances Stevens; Sadie Heckle, Rosa Marston; Pearl Snyder, Alice Abraham; Susie Galloway, Desiré Lazard; Maud Miller, Belle Daube; Mrs. Jane Penick, Myra Brook.

**Pastor's Theatre** (Tony Pastor, manager).—A Merry Christmas matinee audience assembled Dec. 26 to witness a fine bill on which the Empire City Quartette held the headline position. Their act invariably scores heavily, and this was no exception. Gus Williams was as laughable as ever, telling clever stories and jokes, and won well earned applause. He is always sure of a hearty welcome at this house. Harris and Walters, in "A Dark Eyed Widow," were clever; a white and Simons, with their "In de Band Wagon" turn, kept all in good humor; Willis and Morris do a good black face act; the Three Bro Brothers do a ring act which calls forth enthusiastic applause; Martin and Quigg, as eccentric comedians, had a "The Goodie Trust," presented by C. C. Crolius, Addie St. Alva, James G. Gaylor and Tiny Gaff, and the Mount City Quartette (C. J. Sauter, Hat Morgan, Thomas Duffy and M. J. O'Rourke). "Look Out Below," the burlesque, again used the same cast. The incidental songs were well put on, and handsome costumes were exhibited by the girls. Next week, Harry Bryant's Co.

**Majestic Theatre** (John S. Flaherty, manager).—"Piff! Paff! Puff!" returned to the city Dec. 26, opening with a matinee and took up the reins of laughter where they were dropped some weeks ago. The cast remains virtually the same and the same entertaining features continue to invite crowds. "Babs in Toyland" returns Jan. 2, for three weeks.

**Atlantic Garden** (W. Kramer's Sons, managers).—The Imperial Japanese Troupe of acrobats, the Hands and the clown and the doll; Harry Burgoine, the character comedian; White and Arlington, the colored sketch team; Zedonas presenting "The Tramp and the Lady," and the moving pictures are the attractions for this week. **Grand Opera House** (John L. Springer, manager).—Geo. A. Cohan, with his merry company, in "Little Johnny Jones," opened a week's engagement to a tremendous audience, and the box office indicates a banner week. Always a West side favorite, it seems to be more popular than ever. Next week Lulu Glaser, in "A Madcap Princess."

**Windsor Theatre** (A. H. Woods, manager).—"The Queen of the White Slaves" drew two big houses Dec. 28, and the frequent exciting scenes were eagerly followed and applauded. Next week, "The Child Wife."

**New Lyceum Theatre** (Daniel Frohman, manager).—Charles Wyndham and his company, in "Mrs. Gwynne's Necktie," began their fourth successful week Dec. 26.



**Fourteenth Street Theatre** (J. Wesley Rosenquest, manager).—Originally produced at Burlington, Vt., Oct. 24, "Common Sense Bracket," a four act play, was presented to New York audiences for the first time on Dec. 26, by Henry W. Doty.

Billed as "an illustrated narrative of village life in Maine," by Charles W. Doty, it holds close to the idea, and is charming in its simplicity and ideal character drawing. While suggestive of two former successes it has sufficient originality to stand on its own merit. Bruce Bracket, noted for his common sense, is proprietor of a hotel in Winthrop, Me. Years previously he married an actress, who later ran away from him because he had made her too hard. Sorrows and loneliness assisted him in adopting a daughter, Rachel. Newton Offutt, a farmer, is treating his wife, Kate, in this identical manner, and Bruce warns him. Richard Saunders, a former sweetheart of Kate, inveigles her into running away to Boston with him, she to go through by train and he to drive over to Hallowell with a frisky team, which he has purchased from Bruce. Marian Osgood, a music teacher, is accused of having been an actress, acknowledges the same and is practically driven out of town by the gossips, but Bruce defends her. Robert, Newton's brother, loves her, and she goes to Boston on the same train which carries Kate, Robert running after the latter to save her from apparently deserting him. Richard, who has been deserting his wife, is badly injured. Mattered by his failure to meet Kate, he seeks refuge in Bracket's hotel, where he dies. Newton refuses to take Kate back, practically disowns Robert for apparently deserting his wife, and offers the old homestead at auction. Bracket urges a little common sense upon him finally; Kate, Marion and Robert return; Bruce discovers Marion is his daughter and between them they reunite husband and wife and Robert and Marion. Richard Golden, in the title role, easily won first place with the audience, his unctious humor coming to his assistance naturally, and in the pathetic scenes, notably the discovery of his daughter, he was as near perfect as he could possibly be. The character is a low-down, vulgar, but not a villain. Theodore Babcock, as Newton, was impressive, virulent and genuine, and his one touch of pathos was beautifully expressed. Frank Green was very pleasing as Robert, assisting materially in the success. H. S. Northrup, in the disguise of a hired girl at Offutt's, was very good. Charles B. Hawkins, as Sol Saunders, the village miser, was excellent in make up and work; Charles Hawkins, as the Lord High Everything Else, was decidedly amusing, and played close to the mark. The honor of the evening was given to the character of Marion, being simple, ingenious, sympathetic and dignified. She was an able assistant to Mr. Golden in her recognition scene. Esther Lyon was very pleasing as Kate Offutt; Agnes Scott grasped the right feeling as the adopted daughter, jealous of the new found rival for her father's love; Blanche Rice was amusing and sufficiently gossipy as Leitch Billings, the leader of the gossip "finks." Louis H. Brown, as the village doctor, the hired girl at Offutt's, was very amusing. The costumes were correct and quantity artistic, and the four settings were thoroughly in keeping, that much desired effect, "atmosphere," being strongly in evidence. One of the best of the evening was, Maine, particularly that section around Augusta, to realize this. The engagement is indefinite. The cast: Bruce Bracket, Richard Golden; Newton Offutt, Theodore Babcock; Robert Offutt, Frank Green; Richard Saunders, H. S. Northrup; "Ficks," Arthur Gibson; Alden Blackford, Spinger Johnson. Executive staff for Henry W. Doty: W. M. Hale, manager; G. E. McCune, business manager; Jos. Kauffmann, stage manager; Antonio Mazzanovich, carpenter; Herman Fields, properties; John Lawless, electrician.

**Keith's Theatre** (E. F. Albee, general manager).—The usual early opening of this popular theatre on holidays was observed on Monday, Dec. 26, and the occasion found the usual large crowd of people assembled in front of its doors, patiently waiting for admission. Mr. Keith has provided an attractive bill for this holiday time as the following enumeration will show. Heading the bill is Paul Spadoni, whose marvelous feats of strength and dextrous manner in handling heavy objects has already entertained New York vaudeville patrons at other city houses for some time. His work on Monday was a revelation to those who had not seen it, and was heartily applauded by the large audience. Frank Bush, the story teller and mimic, was welcomed by old friends and added many new ones to his list by his irresistible drollery; and Bruno and Russell presented a delightful farcetic, entitled "Tricks of the Trade," their specialties being introduced in it quite cleverly. Fred Niblo told his stories to most willing ears and responsive hands gave quick applause; dainty and petite Mary Dupont, capably assisted charmingly named "A Leap Year Leap," the Fitzhums-McCoy Trio presented "A Miscellaneous Brother" in snappy style, and others who contributed their full quota of meritorious work were: J. Aldrich, Libby and Katherine Trayer, in vocalisms and character bits; Wilson and Davis, singers and comedians; Scott Bros., acrobats; Sisters Valli, Swedish musicians; Fred Brown, whose efforts pleased the audience; Chic, comedy bicyclist, and the biograph, with new comedy pictures.

**Lytic Theatre** (Sam S. & Lee Shubert, managers).—James K. Hackett, in his latest play, "The Fortunes of the King," entered his fourth week and last fortnight Dec. 26. A special performance was given 21, benefiting the Babies Hospital of New York, and at the end of the third act Mr. Hackett was presented with a loving cup.

**Academy of Music** (Gilmore & Tompkins, managers).—"The Wizard of Oz," still playing to crowded houses, opened its eighth and last week Dec. 26. "Siberia" Jan. 2.

**Criterion Theatre** (Charles Frohman, manager).—"A Wife Without a Smile" began its second and last week Dec. 26. Francis Wilson follows Jan. 2, in "Cousin Billy."

**Belasco Theatre** (David Belasco, manager).—David Warfield, in "The Music Master," began his fourteenth capacity week Dec. 26.

**Garfield Theatre** (Charles Frohman, manager).—Annie Russell opened her fourth week in "Brother Jacques" Dec. 26.

**Manhattan Theatre** (Harrison Grey Flske, manager).—Mrs. Flske commenced her third week of success in "Leah Kleschna" Dec. 26.

**Hudson Theatre** (Henry B. Harris, manager).—Ed. Barrymore, in "Sunday," began Dec. 26 her seventh week.

**Wallack's Theatre** (Mrs. Theo. Moss, manager).—"The Sho-Gun" began its twelfth week Dec. 26, with a Christmas matinee, at which performance John E. Henshaw appeared as Spangle, and May Ten Broeck was the widow.

**Low Fields Theatre** (Hamlin Mitchell & Fields, managers).—"Happened in Northland" started in its fourth week of excellent business Dec. 26. May Robson will leave the cast to appear with Francis Wilson, in "Cousin Billy."

**Princess Theatre** (Sam S. Shubert, manager).—Monday afternoon, Dec. 26, marked the occasion of a double event at this house which was witnessed by an audience that completely filled the theatre. Edward Terry, an English comedian whose popularity had preceded him across the water, made his American debut, presenting for the first time in this country "The House of Burnside," a play, in three acts, adapted by Louis N. Parker from Georges Mitchell's play, "La Maison." In its present state the play was originally acted April 28, 1904, at Terry's Theatre, London, Eng., with Mr. Terry in the same role as that he assumes here. The story of the play, which is light of texture, tells of Richard Burnside, a wealthy ship owner, sixty years, who is the proud founder of "The House of Burnside." He has long built hopes that Richard Burnside, a boy whom he has always believed to be his grandson, shall succeed him in business, but his hopes are shattered by the discovery that his son's widow, Marion, has had a lover who is the father of one of her two children (the other being Margaret). He tries to force Marion to tell him which is the illegitimate child but she at first is obdurate. She acknowledges one of them is illegitimate but will not disclose which until the old man makes a will disinheriting them both, leaving his fortune and business to strangers, when she finally tells him Margaret is his grandchild, and for the sake of her future she decides to give her over to her grandfather. Her son, Richard, she intends to send to his godfather in Brazil, and she herself will leave the place in company with her aged father, Robert Parmiter, who has long been desiring to leave the place. When the head of the house of Burnside is face to face with the prospect of young Richard being sent so far from home he relents. All his love for the boy returns, and in spite of the fact of his parentage, reinstates him in favor, and all ends happily. The play, as a play, has little to commend it, for, while the theme around which it is written is interesting, it is poorly carried out and of weak construction. The character of Burnside, which is the desired contrast when at the close he relents, is not drawn by the author with sufficient vigor and bluntness. As the work now stands it offers little to commend it to the public, and in choosing it for his debut Mr. Terry made an unwise selection, for whatever interest there is in the play is given it by Mr. Terry himself. He is an actor of considerable strength of personality, with a thorough knowledge of stage technique and a master of his art. He invested the role of the old ship owner with his own individuality and made him an enjoyable and almost convincing character. He made Richard Burnside stand out as a creation of the actor rather than of the writer, and in that proved how thoroughly he is entitled to our consideration. The other members of his company, with the exception of Beatrice Terry, are also new to this country. The minor roles were the most satisfactorily played. A. Hyton Allen was excellent as Jack Morrow, a "Tommy Atkins" character. Wm. H. Day was Henry, the miser, and Clara Earle was pleasantly effective. Wm. H. Day did considerable with the role of Robert Parmiter, but did not make the most of his opportunities. Cynthia Brooke was unconvincing as Marion, and Beatrice Terry, as Margaret, as W. T. Lovell, as Mr. Williams, acted stiffly. In spite of the adverse criticism which this performance calls for, however, Mr. Terry should meet with success in America. He is an artist and deserves success. He intends giving a repertory of plays, and the others which he gives us will no doubt give him and his company better opportunity to do good work. "The House of Burnside" was thus cast: Richard Burnside, Edward Terry; Parmiter, William H. Day; Marion Burnside, Cynthia Brooke; Margaret, Beatrice Terry; Richard, Master Roy Lorraine; Mr. Williams, W. T. Lovell; John W. H. Denny; Jack Morrow, A. Hyton Allen; Betty, Nelly Mortyette; Jenny, Clara Earle; a Postman, C. MacManus.

**Empire Theatre** (Charles Frohman, manager).—Maude Adams began her regular season's engagement here at an extra matinee on Dec. 26. The admirers of this charming actress turned out in force, filling every part of the beautiful theatre, though the play was decidedly unpleasant. Miss Adams had selected her old success, "The Little Minister," as the vehicle for the first four weeks of her engagement. It is safe to say that there were few of the large audience who did not witness Miss Adams' delivery of impersonation of Lady Babbie, so the assembling of the houseful of auditors was intended as a demonstration of welcome to her. When she first appeared, in act one, the house rang with applause, and it was some minutes before she could deliver her lines. At the end of each act the curtain had to be raised from four to eight times, and so great was the calls for a speech at the end of act three that the little lady very feelingly said: "I thank you, thank you." Of Miss Adams' portrayal of the character of Lady Babbie it is only necessary to note that she has never given a finer impersonation of it. Arthur Byron did well as the little minister; Mrs. W. W. Jones was capital as Nanette Webster; Margaret Gordon was very chic as Felice, Lady Babbie's maid, and the remainder of the cast could hardly be improved upon. The cast follows: Eugene Eschert, Arthur Byron; Lord Rintoul, Eugene Eschert; Captain Hallis, A. G. de laing; Twists, Butler, Lloyd Cartleton; Thomas Whomond, Charles Walcott; Bob Dow, Joseph Francour; Micah Dow, Violet Rand; Sneyky Hobart, William Henderson; Andrew Mealmeaker, Richard Pittman; Silvia Toss, Wallace Beckett; Sergeant Davidson, Crooked Pitt; Joe Cruikshanks, T. C. Valentine; Nannie Webster, Mrs. W. G. Jones; Felice, Margaret Gordon; Jean, May Galyer; Lady Babbie, Maude Adams.

**Huber's Museum** (John H. Anderson, manager).—Manager Anderson has given the patrons here their first opportunity to witness the giant Pleiosaur, or giant elephantine tortoise, named Methuselah, which attracted a large holiday crowd. Others in the curio hall are: Ole Olson, midget; Prof. Ben and his troupe of educated dogs; "Rubberneck" Joe, Albene and Le Brand, in their latest novelty, the talkaphonograph, and Victor Basil. In the theatre, J. M. Moore's Minstrels and a host of others please the many large audiences during the day and evening.

**Herald Square Theatre** (Charles Frohman, manager).—"Woodland" moved to this house Monday, Dec. 26, and drew big audiences, matinee and night. Harry Bulger, Frank Doane, Emma Carus and the other favorites were well received.

**Daly's Theatre** (Daniel Frohman, manager).—On Monday, Dec. 26, Edna May and "The School Girl" returned to this house (where it was first presented in this country) and was enjoyed by large audiences, afternoon and night. The engagement is for two weeks.

**Bijou Theatre** (Henry B. Sire, manager).—May Irwin began her eighth week Dec. 26.

**New Amsterdam Theatre** (Klaw & Erlanger, managers).—"Humpty Dumpty" continues in a lively manner, entering Dec. 26 its seventh week.

**Garden Theatre** (Henry W. Savage, manager).—"The College Widow" commenced Dec. 26 its fifth week to the capacity.

**Knickerbocker Theatre** (Al. Hayman & Co., managers).—Viola Allen's ambitious attempt to win public acknowledgment of her skill in Shakespearean portrayal appeared to be amply justified on Dec. 26, when she played both Hermione and Perdita, in a revival of "The Winter's Tale," for the first time before a New York audience. Applause which had the ring of sincerity about it rewarded her, while the beauties of the production, from a spectacular point of view, and the generally fine work of the players who surround Miss Allen, also received high praise. In costume and in staging a generous hand was apparent, and the revival was in every respect one worthy of the work, the omission of some portions of the play bringing the final curtain down in seasonable time and detracting in no respect from the beauty and the performance of Miss Allen's acting as Hermione, in the first half of the play, must have deeply gratified and surprised her admirers, for she showed remarkable strength and dignity, which formed a striking contrast to her play as Perdita, in the second half, when, in the later scenes, when, as Perdita, she held the audience absolutely captivated by work-long lines quite different from any she has hitherto disclosed. In the opening scene she was decorously gay and light hearted, and later, when Hermione's heart is torn by Leontes' unjust suspicions, and the disgrace culminates in the trial, Miss Allen did especially well, expressing intelligently and with unerring force the despair and high minded resignation to her fate, and at the close of the play, when she became a queen. As Perdita, however, she won even greater success, giving herself up to the freedom of the woods with an abandon that was always held in restraint by maidenly modesty, and showing a joy and an enthusiasm of youth, a springtime with delightful idyllicity. In its entirety, her work resulted in a complete triumph for her, and the opening night applause attested to the recognition of her cleverness by an audience representative of refinement and culture. During the scene in the forest, near the shepherd's hut, where the wild dance of the children of out-doors and unrestrained freedom is held, prolonged applause was aroused, and a picture of wild picturesqueness was forced to be repeated several times. Henry Jewett, who is physically an imposing figure, with a well built frame and a strong and impressive face, made Leontes a man of striking force, and carried with splendid effect the many intensely heavy situations. His reading was excellent, and his acting was of a high order. He was rewarded with frequent applause and laughter for his work. Other actors of the cast were: Sidney Brice as Clawn, and Zeffie Tibbory, as Paulina, all did capitally. The cast: Leontes, Henry Jewett; Mamillius, Dagmar De Vere; Camillo, Frank Vernon; Antigonus, James L. Carroll; Cleomenes, Carter Weaver; Dion, John Junior; Rogero, Leopold Lane; Priest, Walter Maxwell; First Lord, Alfred Hudson Jr.; Second Lord, Robt. Tate; First Councillor, W. F. Hamerick; Second Councillor, Thomas Day; Court Officer, H. Leffell; Alonzo, Charles Lang; Officer of the Guard, Frank Righton; a Steward, James L. Carhart; a Gailer, J. Webb Dillon; a Mariner, M. L. Bassett; an Attendant, Frank G. Bennett; a Messenger, J. Webb Dillon; Hermione and Perdita, Viola Allen; Zephira, Zeffie Tibbory; Paulina, Louise Jansen; First Lady, Florence Randolph; Second Lady, Mabel De Vere; a singing Girl, Daisy De Vere; Polixenes, Boyd Putnam; Florizel, James Young; Archidamus, Warren Glad; Did, Shepherd, Leslie Allen; Clawn, Sidney Brice; Autolycus, Frank Currier; a Page, Maurice Stewart; a Beggar, E. G. Day; Mopsa, Evelyn Wedling; Dorcas, Phyllis Young.

**Harlem**.—All the Harlem houses were packed Dec. 26, both afternoon and evening, with the holiday crowds, and several attractions offered were new in this locality. "Me, Him and I," at the West End; "Cohen's Luck," at the Metropolitan; and "The Woman Who Did," at the Strand.

**HARLEM OPERA HOUSE** (Alex. Lichtenstein, manager).—John Drew, in "The Duke of Killarney," opened to a packed house 26, at advanced prices, with a large advance sale reported. Next week, Kyrie Bellow, in "The Duke of Killarney."

**WEST END** (George A. Blumenthal, manager).—"Me, Him and I," a musical comedy, with Michel, Watson and Wroth sharing honors, opened 26, and the performance proved a most satisfactory one. It is full of good comedy, and there are many fine costumes and good scenery, all of which occasioned delighted comments. It should prove a good box office attraction. Next week, "Merry Shop Girls."

**COHEN'S LUCK** (Henry Rosenberg, manager).—Joe Welch, in his new comedy drama, entitled "Cohen's Luck," packed this house 26, and his reception was an exceedingly cordial one. The play is well suited to Mr. Welch's talents, and he will, no doubt, have a good week. Next week, the Rays, in "Down the Pike."

**STAR** (Wm. T. Keogh, manager).—"The Woman Who Did," a melodrama, renamed, and formerly known as "The Vacant Chair," with carloads of wonderful scenery, made its debut at the Star 26. The play is well provided with strong dramatic climaxes, and there is plenty of comedy and pathos. It held the audience from first to last and should prove a strong drawing card. Next week, "The Duke of Killarney."

**PROCTOR ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH STREET THEATRE** (J. Austin Fynes, general manager).—"The Cricket on the Hearth" is the offering for this week. The play was well received by two large audiences, and the performance was well merited praise. The vaudeville offered the following, which gave decided pleasure to the holiday audiences: The Ten Ichi Troupe, Jack Theo Trio, Mr. and Mrs. Swickard, Dan J. Harrington and moving pictures.

**HURRICANE** (Henry Rosenberg, manager).—A most excellent bill met with the approval of a large audience 26, and gave satisfaction from start to finish. The bill included: Maggie Cline (her first appearance at this house), Sherman and De Forest Barry and Hens, Musical Kliest, Meckler's dogs, Gasch Sisters, Yeager, Parren and Yeager, Dolan and Lenharr and Yeager moving pictures.

**GOTHAM** (Sullivan & Kraus, managers).—"The Trovatore." Burlesques opened to a packed house 26, and caught on at once, making a splendid impression throughout the entire performance and meeting with a roaring reception. They fully merited the approbation shown them. Next week, Fulton's Jolly Grass Widow.

**OLYMPIC** (Al. H. Woods, manager).—"From Rags to Riches," which has played several engagements in Harlem this season, opened to a fine audience 26, and met with approval throughout.

**BROOKLYN**.—At the Montauk (Isabel Sinn-Hecht, manager) Lulu Glaser, in "A Madcap Princess," Dec. 26-31. Mue. Schumann-Heink pleased last week. Next week, Sothorn and Marlowe.

**MAJESTIC** (Charles B. Sturges, manager).—"The Eternal City," with Edward Morgan, Dec. 31. "A Chinese Honeymoon" last week played to excellent business. Next week, Rose and Fulton in "Twirly Whirly."

**GRAND OPERA HOUSE** (Low Parker, manager).—Andrew Mack, in "The Way to Kenmare," Dec. 31. Next week, "Texas."

**PARK** (Wm. Hyde, manager).—"The Great Automobile Mystery," Dec. 31. "The Factory Girl" last week was a box office success. Next week, "Driven from Home." **BIJOU** (Mary G. Spooner, manager).—"This Week the Spooners present a pleasing comedy, 'Our Cinderella,' with Edna May and Cecil in the cast. Edna May appears for the first time after her illness in the dual role, and Cecil is seen to advantage. Augustus Phillips and Harold Kennedy are well placed. Last week, 'Bob Kennedy did good business.' The Cavalier, next week.

**GRAND OPERA HOUSE** (Low Parker, manager).—"The bill for the current week contains Paul Conchas, Zenet's Midgerts, R. G. Knowles, Mason-Keele company, D'Alma's Dog and Monkey Circus, Greene and Werner, the Casting Dancers, Hines and Remington, Nellie Floride, the Rolfs and the Vitaphone.

**LYON & BEHMAN'S** (Nick Norton, manager).—Christmas week the bill contains the Twelve Champagne Dancers, from "The Silver Slipper," Ella Bradna and her beautiful horses, Barney Fagin and Henrietta Byron, Mabel, the famous company, Bertie Fowler, John Berch, Matthews and Harris, Conkley and McBride and the Takazama Troupe of eight Japanese jugglers, acrobats and magicians.

**KEENEY'S** (Frank A. Keene, manager).—Christmas week bill names May Yule, the Mansfield-Wilbur company, Cliff Gordon, Cook and Hayes, Fisher and Johnson, Rice Brothers, Moonsey and Rich, the Sisters De Van and the Keeneyscope. **SEAR** (Al. Schenberg, manager).—"This week the Brigadiers, with Edmund Hayes, in 'A Wise Guy.'

**COLUMBIA** (Dave A. Weiss, manager).—"Pousse Cafe" Dec. 31, with Gertrude Reynolds, Ted T. Burns and Teddy Symonds, William McIntyre, Dorothy Ward, Arthur Cale, Harry W. Brown and Ed Armstrong in the cast. In the olio are: The Duffin-Reed Troupe, Oir, Simonds and company, in "The Smart Dr. Smart," McIntyre and Primrose and others.

**MATSON'S COZY CORNER** (W. B. Watson, manager).—"The headline for this week is Drawee, the clever juggler. Others are: Shorty and Lillian De Witt, Lawler and daughters, Spaulding, in acrobatic comedy; Loney Haskell and Agnes Behler. The burlesque is 'The Torvador.'

**BEHMAN'S** (S. Cohen, manager).—"This house was reopened Christmas Day by Hyde & Behman, under the management of Mr. Cohen, to whose executive ability much of the house's former successes are due. The effort will be to give first class attractions at popular prices. The opening attraction is 'Mr. Wix of Wickham and the Merry Shop Girls.' Eugene Blair, in 'Iris,' next.

**BROADWAY** (Leo L. Telier, manager).—"The Shand Ed King," with Wright Lorimer, Dec. 26-31. The scenic effects are on a gigantic scale. A special corps de ballet is seen in appropriate Jewish dances. "An American Princess" made a favorable impression last week. Next, De Wolf Hopper, in "Wang."

**FOLLY** (Bennett Wilson, manager).—"Johnny and Emma Ray, in 'Down the Pike,' Dec. 31. 'Me, Him and I' met with favor last week. Next, Joe Welch, in Cohen's Luck. "The Shand Ed King," with Wright Lorimer, Dec. 26-31. The scenic effects are on a gigantic scale. A special corps de ballet is seen in appropriate Jewish dances. "An American Princess" made a favorable impression last week. Next, De Wolf Hopper, in "Wang."

**NOVELTY** (Clad Robinson, manager).—"A Working Girl's Warnings" is here Dec. 26-31. "The Wayward Son" was well received last week. Next week, "Too Proud to Beg."

**PAYTON'S** (S. S. Allen, manager).—"Glittering Gowns" is this week's offering, with the Shand Ed King, in the title role. Mr. Payton is also in the cast. There are a number of high class specialties. "The Cherry Pickers" next.

**GOTHAM** (Charles Williams, manager).—"A Midnight Marriage" is the title of the week. Business continues satisfactory. Next, "A Wife's Secret."

**UNIQUE** (Frank R. Carr, manager).—"The Four Mistletoe Girls" held this week's bill. Others are: Amelia Adams, Devine and Shurtz, in "The Shand Ed King." The stock company presents the burlesques, "An Evening Soiree" and "Duggan's Pink Tea."

**LYCEUM** (Louis Phillips, manager).—Emma Bell and William Holden head the stock company of this week, presented "Midnight in Chinatown." New scenery has been painted.

**NOTE**.—Mrs. Isabel Sinn-Hecht, manager of the Montauk Theatre here, announced a short time ago that she proposed to build a new theatre at New York and Kingston, N. Y. She has declared that there will be no theatre built under her direction, and that the \$5,000 option for the property has been forfeited. When the Montauk Theatre is torn down to make way for the Manhattan Bridge approach and the widening of Flatbush Avenue, Mrs. Sinn-Hecht will go out of the theatrical business for good.

**NEW YORK CITY JOTTINGS.**  
**ELEANOR ROBSON'S HOME-COMING** was appropriately celebrated with a complimentary matinee at the New Amsterdam Theatre on Dec. 23. The large theatre was filled in every part, and from Miss Robson's first appearance until the close of Zangwill's comedy, "Merely Mary Ann," there was no mistaking the genuineness and sincerity of the welcome extended to her. As Miss Robson was returning to America from a most successful London engagement to begin a Western tour in "Merely Mary Ann," the single performance was intended to afford an opportunity for Miss Robson's legion of friends and admirers to give the little actress a hearty welcome, and they surely responded. Flowers, fruit, recalls, Miss Robson brought three members of the company with her. They were Ada Dwyer, who went to England with her; Frank Mills, who appeared as Lancelot, and Ernest Mainwaring, who acted the part of Peter, all of whom shared in the welcome festivities. All the others in the cast were engaged in this country, and have been rehearsing here for some time. For a first performance, with almost a new company, the play went very smoothly. It was an ovation of welcome has been accorded to few American stars, but Miss Robson wears her laurels most modestly. The cast follows: Lancelot, Frank Mills; Peter, Ernest Mainwaring; Rev. Samuel Smedge, W. A. Hackett; Herr Brahms, Russell Bassett; O. Gorman, Charles Martin; Jim Blaydes, Thomas Graham; Lord Tottenham, Arthur Story; Mrs. Leadbatter, Ada Dwyer; Rosie, Louise Lovell; The Sisters Tippit, Laura Curtis and Violet Houk; Lady Chelmer, Mrs. Thomas Whiffen; Countess of Foxwell, Kate Pattison Selton; Lady Gladys Tottenham, Ethel Strickland; Hon. Mrs. Fitzgerald, Helen Strickland; Rowena, Margaret Atherton; Lady Glynn, Margaret Fuller; Howard, C. L. Meeking; Mary Ann, Merely, Eleanor Robson. Miss Robson and her company left the city for St. Louis the following day, Saturday, Dec. 24.

**CHARLES FROHMAN** has completed the company to be seen in Augustus Thomas' new comedy, "Mrs. Leffingwell's Boots," at the Savoy Theatre, Jan. 15. The players: Fay Davis, Margaret Hildington, J. H. Barnes, William Courtenay, Ernest Lawford, Jessie Busley, Mrs. Annie Adams, Vincent Serrano, Dorothy Hammond and several others.

**GERTRUDE COGHMAN** has been engaged as leading lady with Robert T. Haines in his first starring tour, which opens Jan. 2 at the Berkeley Lyceum Theatre, this city, in "Once Upon a Time," a new romantic comedy, written especially for him by his wife, Genevieve C. Haines, author of "Hearts Adrift," etc. Miss Coghman made her debut with her father, the late Charles Coghman, in "The Royal Box," and has since starred in such plays as "Becky Sharp" and "A Lady of Quality." She will play Donna Anna de Cerbonas, an Andalusian heiress, in "Once Upon a Time." E. J. Ratcliffe will be Mr. Haines' leading man, and other prominent members in the cast are Tom Ricketts, Arthur Hoyt and Mme. Coffrey.

**GEORGE H. PRIMROSE'S** newly organized minstrels are to make their first New York appearance on Jan. 9, at the Grand Opera House.

**HEINRICH CONRAD** has engaged, for a season at the Irving Place Theatre, Mme. Agathe Barreson, the noted Romanian actress. Mme. Barreson will make her first appearance here as Magda, in the first week in January.

**PROFESSOR CORNELIUS BURNER**, who was recently appointed to succeed E. A. Macdonnell in the chair of music at Columbia University, gave a pianoforte recital in Mandelkern Hall, evening of Dec. 22.

**THE PROGRESSIVE STAGE SOCIETY** is to play Ibsen's "Enemy of the People," at Berkeley Lyceum Theatre, at a matinee on Jan. 1.

**MME. NORDICA AND ROSSINI'S** "Stabat Mater," was sufficient to crowd the Metropolitan Opera House to its fullest capacity evening of Sunday, Dec. 18.

**EUGENE YSAYE**, the Belgian violinist, drew an exceptionally large audience to the third concert of Walter Damrosch's New York Symphony Orchestra at Carnegie Hall, afternoon of Dec. 18.

**AT THE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH** performance of "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," which occurred at the Savoy Theatre, evening of Dec. 19, the book of that title was given as a souvenir.

**THOMAS & DUNSTON** and Thomas W. Ryley have obtained a long lease on the new Colonial Theatre, at Sixty-sixth Street and Broadway, which they will open on Jan. 16, under the title of the Colonial Music Hall. Messrs. Thompson, Dunstun & Ryley have planned to give to New York a novelty—a music hall conducted exactly on the lines of the Empire and Alhambra, of London. Mr. Ryley will act as manager.

**THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY** has stopped six Filipino children, aged from 12 to 1, from appearing in this stage performance at the Pike Show, in Madison Square Garden.

**EDITH HELENA**, the high voiced soprano, who has been singing abroad for the past year, and meeting with success, has arrived in New York City to fill a ten weeks' engagement. She will open at Hammerstein's Victoria Theatre week of Jan. 2.

**YSAYE** gives his first recital at Carnegie Hall, Saturday afternoon, Dec. 31, and on this occasion he will be supported by the New York Symphony Orchestra, Walter Damrosch, conductor. The concert is a Ysaye recital, as he will play on this occasion the Mozart Concerto, Saint Saens Concerto and the Mendelssohn Concerto, besides many small pieces.

**BARTLEY CAMPBELL'S** THRILLING MELODRAMA, "Siberia," will be revived at New York next week. William A. Brady and Joseph R. Grismer will give the old play an elaborate production at the Academy of Music, beginning with a matinee on New Year's Day. This production is expected to run for a number of weeks at the Academy.

"Siberia" has many scenes, spectacular in effect, which will be made conspicuous in this revival. One in particular, the massacre of Jews and the destruction of the Jewish quarter by first, a thrilling situation in the original production, which was so effective as to reproduce the Kishineff massacre of a little over a year ago. Among those who will appear in the leading parts are: Ernest Hastings, Carl Ekstrom, Franklin Roberts, Elbert Bester, Felix Haney, Daniel Gilfeather, Helen McGregor, Jessie Bonstelle and Marian Chapman.

**MANAGERS WAGNER & KEMPER** announced that Blanche Walsh will play her annual engagement in New York at the Herald Square Theatre, beginning Monday, Jan. 30. Miss Walsh will inaugurate her season with a new play, from the pen of Clyde Fitch, entitled "The Woman in the Case," a drama of New York society life.

**A SERIES OF GRAHAM SUNDAY NIGHT** concerts will be revived at the Herald Square Theatre, commencing New Year's Night.

**AT TAMMANY HALL**, on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, will be held the annual masque and civic ball of the Maurice Kraus Dewey Theatre Social Circle, and many prominent professionals will be present. The only difficulty between the show girls of the various companies as to which one shall receive the present for the most beautiful gown is intense. The judges of these gowns will be theatrical managers from this city and vicinity, and they will certainly have their hands full.

**AT A VAUDEVILLE ENTERTAINMENT**, given by the Old Guard on Dec. 22, the following bill was presented, under the direction of Wright Huntington: A scene of Hindoo Drama, by Prof. Allen S. Williams and biograph, Sabel Johnson, Milt and Maud Wood, Wright Huntington, Mlle. Euseg Edretlaw, Tom Gillen, Greve and Green.

**ILLINOIS.**  
**Peoria**.—At the Grand (Chamberlin, Harrington & Co., managers) Sam T. Jack's Co., Dec. 16, entertained a fair house. William Collier and fine support, 17, gave excellent satisfaction. The Lyman Twins, 18, had good attendance. "Tried for Her Life" failed to materialize 19. Coming: Broadway Burlesque, 29. Innocent Maids, 30. "Belva" 31. Walker Whitehead Jan. 1. The Flirt, 27.

**MAIN STREET THEATRE** (E. P. Churchill, manager).—"Business is uniformly good. For current week: Reno, Azora and Roberts, Holmes and Waldron, "Da and Da," Ida Howell and El Salto.

**WEAVER THEATRE** (C. F. Bartson, manager).—"Everybody satisfied here. For current week: Stewart and Raymond, Shanty-town Trio and Phillips and Merritt.

**JACOBS THEATRE** (A. F. Jacobs, manager).—"Good attendance here. For current week: Strand and Strand, the Hermans, the Dalys, the Bartlett and the Madleys.

**Decatur**.—At the Powers Grand (J. F. Given, manager) Grace Hayward, in repertory, supported by an excellent company, closed a week of successful business Dec. 24. Coming: "The Mummy and the Humming Bird," 26, William Owen 27, Blanche Walsh 28, Innocent Maids 29, A Hidden Crime 30, "Sweet Clover" 31, Ship's Indoor Circus Jan. 2 and week.

**WEST VIRGINIA.**  
**Wheeling**.—At the Court (E. R. Franzheim, manager) "The Burgomaster," Dec. 22, had good business. Madame Rejane, in "Zaza," 24, drew big. Coming: Mildred Holland 26, Howe's pictures 28, Adelaide Thurston 31. Field's Minstrels Jan. 2.

**GRAND OPERA HOUSE** (Chas. A. Feinberg, manager).—"Why Girls Leave Home," 19-21, had big business. "The Moonshiner's Daughter," 22-24, had good returns. Coming: Chester De Vonde Co. Dec. 31.

**CARMEN**, the "Boy with Many Hoops," writes that he is with Guy Brox, Minstrel, this being his second season. His hoop rolling and double baton juggling are meeting with success.



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 Haag, E., Shreveport, La.  
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 Hall's Show, Fond du Lac, Wis.  
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 Howe's Great London, Macon, Ga.  
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 Mead Dog and Pony Show, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Norris & Rowe's, San Jose, Cal.  
 Noble's, Ches., Charleston, S. C.  
 Nickel Plate Shows, Douglas, Ill.  
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 Pan-American Show, Dodson, Mo.  
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 Reed's, A. H., Baraboo, Wis.  
 Ringling Bros., Baraboo, Wis.  
 Robinson's, John, Park, O.  
 Robbins, F. A., 110 W. 34th St., N. Y.  
 Rice's Dog and Pony Shows, New Albany, Ind.  
 Reed's European Show, Chillicothe, O.  
 Smith's, E. G., Bucktown, Pa.  
 Smith Bros., Acme, Mich.  
 Sells & Howes', Toledo, Kan.  
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 Washburn & D'Alma's Shows, Corona, L. I., N. Y.

NOTES FROM THE FITZ GERALD BIG SHOW.—This will be the largest tented vaudeville show in the world next season. The new tent, which is an 80 foot, with two forty foot middle pieces, is being constructed, and when the show opens, May 7, it will be a "thing of beauty." The stage, which will be a complete novelty for a tented show, has been designed by Gerald Fitz Gerald, the well known theatrical and circus man, and will be 18x28 foot wide with electric foot lights, borders, etc., and will contain a full quota of oil scenery. The seating arrangement will be unique, every seat being provided with a foot-rest. Eight high class vaudeville acts will be carried, and the band, which will be of fourteen pieces, will be featured. This attraction will play week stands exclusively, principally among the Summer resorts of the Thousand Islands, Adirondacks and Catskills. Mr. Fitz Gerald has purchased a high grade musical farce comedy from a well known author and will soon commence booking the same in the better class of one night stand houses, opening near New York, Sept. 30. Thirty people will be carried with the latter attraction, special paper for which is now being designed. An octette of clever dancers and a chorus of twenty will be featured. Mr. Fitz Gerald, who has just closed a very successful season as contracting press agent with the Great Wallace Shows, is spending the holidays at his home, Ogdensburg, N. Y.

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NOTES FROM THE SWIFT BROS. DRAMATIC SHOWS.—We opened our tenting season April 18, at Golden Gate, Ill., making one night stands through Illinois. The second day out everything was covered with snow. We closed Nov. 14, and have everything housed in our permanent Winter quarters at Golden Gate. We show each Saturday night in our ring barn, just to please the natives. Several of the old boys have signed for next season, it making from three to seven seasons for some of the musicians.

NOTES FROM BERT SILVER'S ONE RING CIRCUS.—We are at our home, Standish, Mich., overhauling our show and getting ready for next season. We have added five new wagons, a new band wagon, two sleeping cars, that will accommodate eighteen people, and two passenger busses. A number of our people are engaged, some that were with us last season. We will run about thirty people, twenty horses, a 70 x 100 tent, besides horse, eating and dressing tents. Will have our own band and orchestra of eight pieces, with the addition of a few other musicians. We are looking for good business, as we have the reputation and the show to back it.

FRED DE CARLO writes that he has just closed a successful season of thirty-seven weeks with the Great Floto Shows, being associated with the Great Floto Troupe, aerial bar gymnasts, and had signed for the season of 1905 in the same capacity.

ANTONIA V. PERILLONIS writes from Havana, Cuba, under date of Dec. 12: "My business is great. I am now running two shows, and will soon start a third. All are well and pleased."

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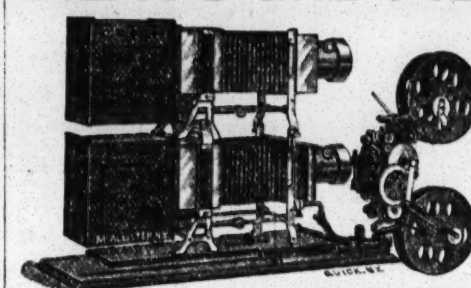
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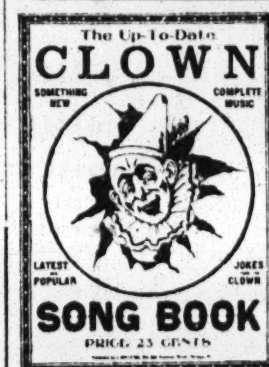


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**Houston.**—At the Houston (Henry Green, local manager) "The County Chairman," Dec. 16, gave two performances to fair houses. "The Ghosts," 17, and two fair houses. "A Message from Mars" did well 19. "Habeas in Toyland" 21, opened with a big house. They closed 22, with two performances: "Dolly Varden" 24, "Ben Hur" 26-30.

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**Dallans.**—At the Dallans Opera House (George Anny, manager). "The Silver Slipper" played 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 8

**Grand Rapids.**—At the New Power (Harry G. Sommers & Co., managers) "The Orphan Chief" Dec. 22, All-star "Two Orphan 26," "Young Tobe Hoxie" 25, Blanche Wahl 31.

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26, "Busy Izzy" 27, "Young Tobe Horic" 28, "Palace of Amusements" (W. E. Mungler, manager) is fairly filled nightly with skaters. Otis Young and brother, in hoop rolling and isometric throwing, proved a big card case of 19. A league polo game 23. The Wood Brothers, acrobats, week of 24.

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**Tacoma.**—At the Tacoma (Calvin He manager) Thomas Q. Seabrooke, in "The lionaire," drew two good houses Dec. 12. "Princess Chic," 14, had a fair but Ben Good's Players, in "Everyman," had good house 15. Mme. Gadsdl, 16, did w Florence Roberts, in "Marta of the l lands," fared well 18. Coming: "A Ch Honeycme n" 25, 26, Maxine Elliott 29. LYCEUM (Dean Worley, manager).—B

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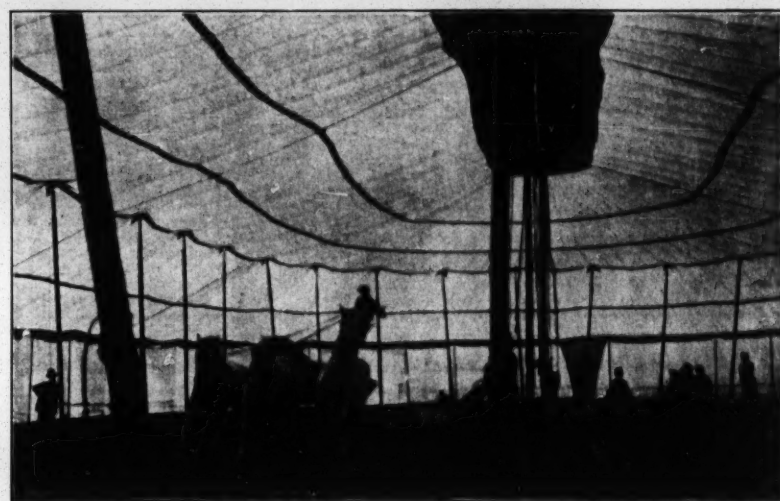
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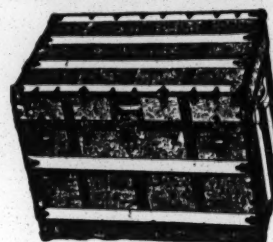
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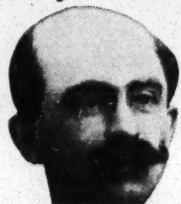
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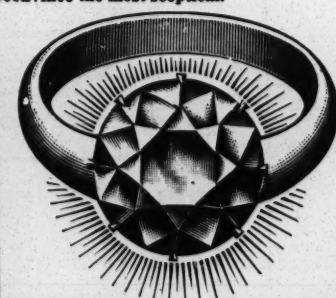
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